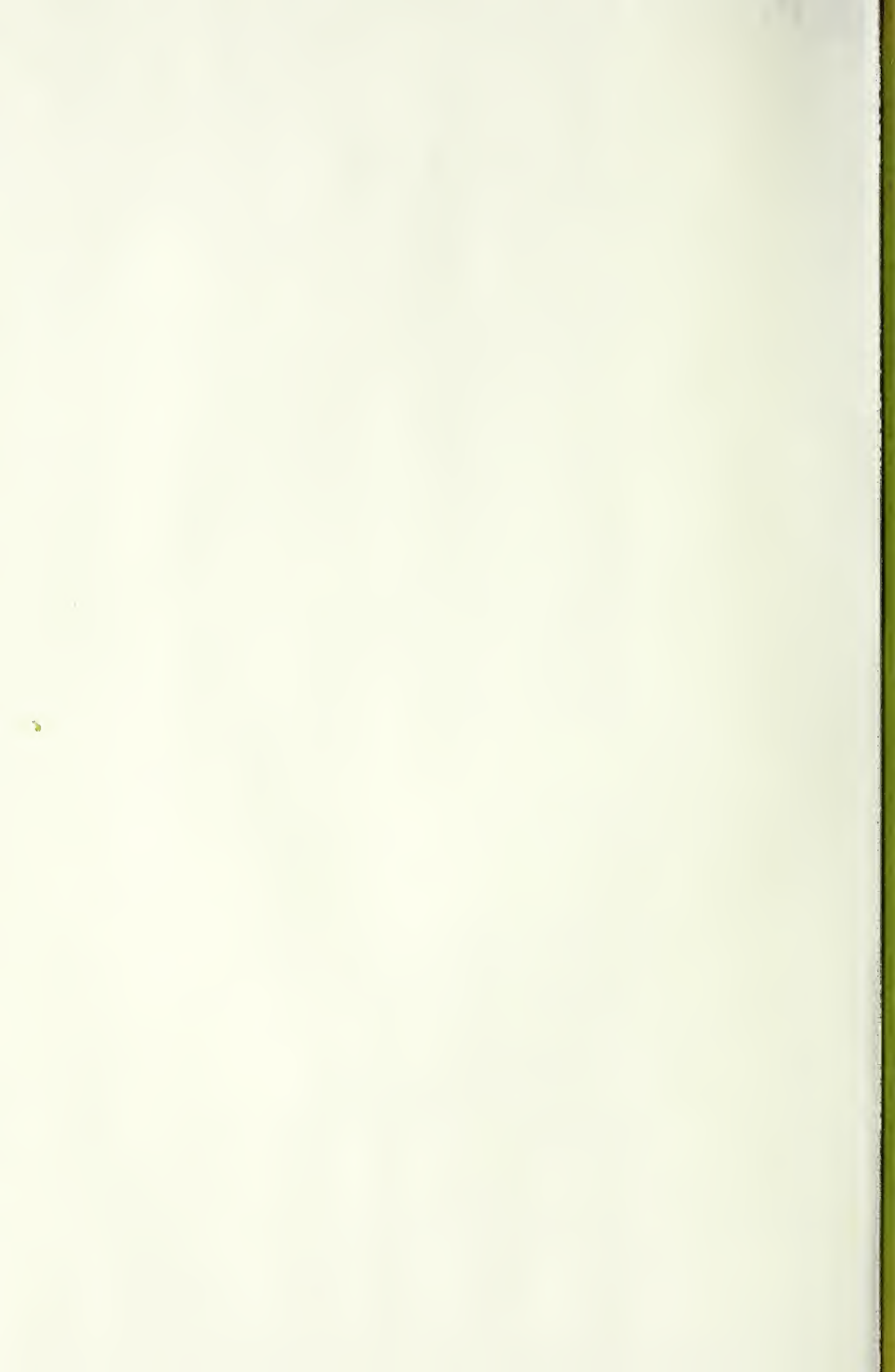




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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OF CHESTER

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 15,
1902.

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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

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TOWN TREASURER, TOWN CLERK,
SCHOOL BOARD, LIBRARY TRUS-
TEES AND AUDITORS*

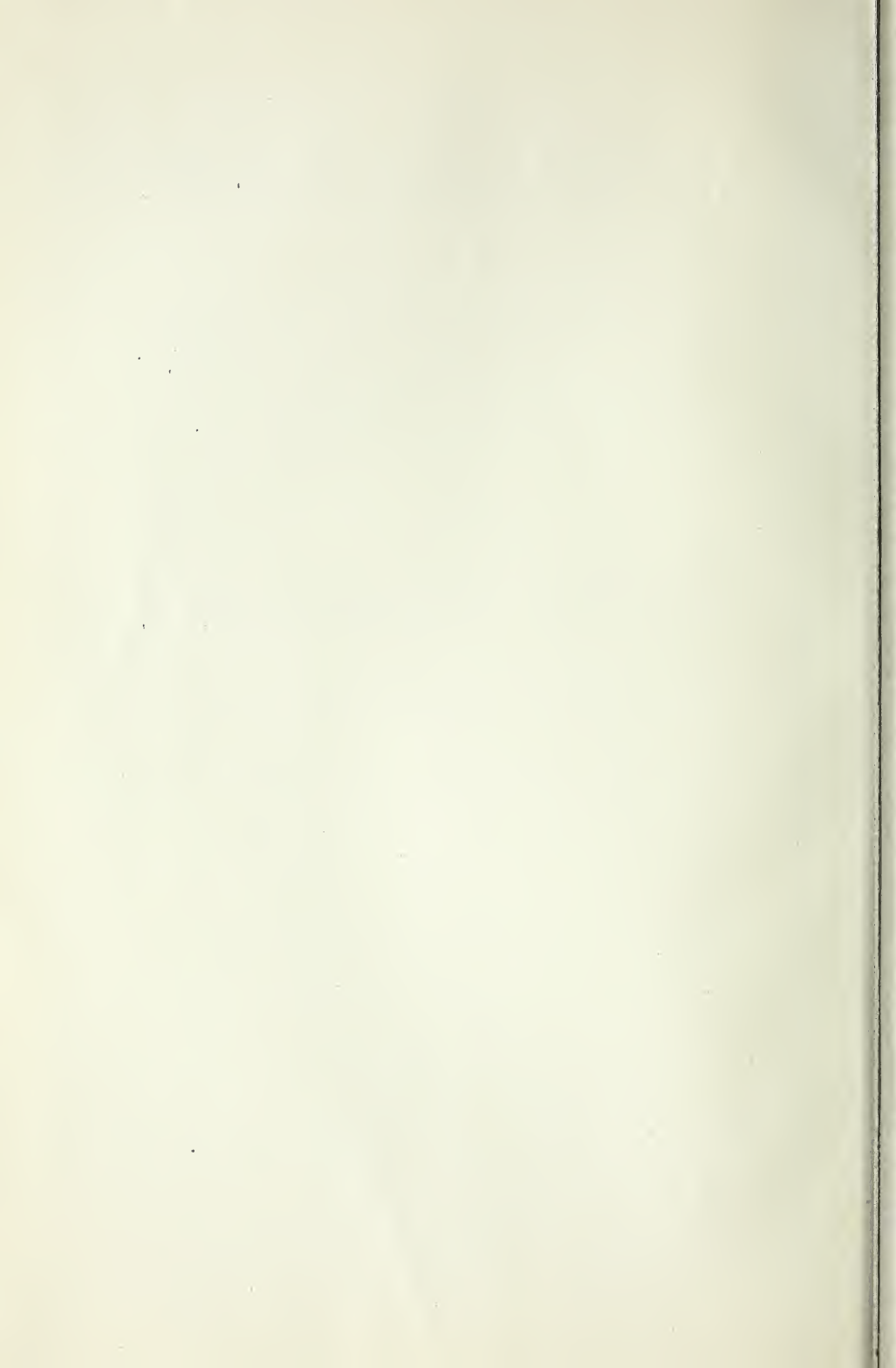
OF THE

TOWN OF CHESTER,

For the Year Ending, February 15, 1902.

DERRY, N. H.:

CHARLES BARTLETT,
PRINTER,
1902.



TOWN OFFICERS.

MODERATOR—Nathan W. Goldsmith.

TOWN CLERK—Cyrus F. Marston.

SELECTMEN—Charles H. Edwards, John C. Ramsdell, Franklin
P. Shackford.

OVERSEER OF THE POOR—Franklin P. Shackford.

TOWN TREASURER—George S. West.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES—Arthur H. Wilcomb.

SCHOOL BOARD—John M. Webster, Lizzie S. Hooke.

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER—John M. Webster.

REPRESENTATIVE—John M. Webster.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES—James G. Robertson, Augustus P. Morse,
Addison A. Bean.

CONSTABLES—Dwight M. Mitchell, Charles J. Eastman,
Robert H. Hazelton.

SUPERVISORS—Cyrus F. Marston, Robert H. Hazelton, Martin
Mills.

AUDITORS—Cyrus F. Marston, Charles H. Greene, Addison A.
Bean.

HEALTH OFFICERS—Cyrus F. Marston, J. Albert Hooke,
Ralph H. Barker.

TOWN WARRANT.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

[L S.]

To the inhabitants of the Town of Chester, in the County of Rockingham, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs :

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.
3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for salary of Librarian, and defray running expenses of the Library.
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, in addition to that required by law, to purchase books for the Free Public Library.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the decoration of soldiers' graves.
6. To see if the Town will vote to redistrict the town into more highway districts.

7. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue a piece of road east of the H. G. O. Hawke's house cellar, from the northeast corner of the Jack farm, so called, to the northwest corner of the Hooper land.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray expenses of observing Old Home Week.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the erection of a Soldiers' Monument, and choose an agent or agents to expend the same.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-fourth day of February, A. D. 1902.

CHARLES H. EDWARDS,	} Selectmen of Chester.
JOHN C. RAMSDELL,	
FRANKLIN P. SHACKFORD,	

A true copy of warrant, attest:

CHARLES H. EDWARDS,	} Selectmen of Chester.
JOHN C. RAMSDELL,	
FRANKLIN P. SHACKFORD,	

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1902.

VALUATION.

Resident real estate,	.	\$265,743 00
Non-resident real estate,	.	30,052 00
No. polls, 203,	.	20,300 00
No. horses, 220,	.	11,380 00
No. oxen, 8,	.	390 00
No. cows, 378,	.	9,063 00
No. other neat stock, 109,	.	2,092 00
No. Sheep, 27,	.	81 00
Bank stock,	.	4,964 00
Money at interest,	.	2,600 00
Stock in trade,	.	32,623 00
Mills, machinery, etc.,	.	7,000 00
		\$386,288 00

APPROPRIATION.

State tax,	.	769 25
County tax,	.	1,454 72
Town charges,	.	1 00
Highways and bridges,	.	1,200 00
School tax required by law,	.	905 00
School tax voted by district, additional,	.	400 00
Schoolhouse repairs,	.	100 00

Books for public library, . . .	100 00	
Librarian's salary and running expenses of library, . . .	50 00	
Memorial day, . . .	50 00	
Overlay, . . .	186 46	
Total assessment, . . .	————	\$5,216 43
Rate per cent of taxation on \$100, .		\$1 35

AMOUNT OF SCHOOL MONEY.

Amount required by law, . . .	\$905 00	
Additional by vote of district, . . .	400 00	
Literary fund, . . .	72 50	
Balance of dog tax from 1900, . . .	169 12	
	————	\$1,546 62
Tuition for pupils at academy, . . .		\$45 00

The Selectmen and Overseer of the Poor have given orders on the Town Treasurer for the payment of the following bills :

FOR REPAIRS ON HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

LABOR, LUMBER, ETC.

1901.

April	15,	Paid W. N. Colby, . . .	\$10 00
	15,	S. G. Healey, . . .	4 15
	15,	W. H. West, 2nd, . . .	13 13
May	6,	B. A. Follansbee, . . .	6 75
	17,	S. G. Healey, . . .	71 80
	28,	W. T. Owen, . . .	46 36
	31,	S. S. Warren, . . .	39 40
June	1,	C. H. Smith, . . .	18 00
	6,	G. W. Southwick, . . .	60 75
	18,	S. G. Healey, . . .	38 00
	20,	A. J. Lane, . . .	88 99
	25,	W. N. Colby, . . .	67 85

June	29,	Paid S. G. Healey,	.	\$14 05
July	1,	C. H. Smith,	.	61 40
	3,	G. W. Southwick,	.	98 17
	13,	B. A. Follansbee,	.	33 90
Aug.	26,	W. N. Colby,	.	49 25
Sept.	4,	G. A. Cammett,	.	70 15
	6,	S. S. Warren,	.	60 45
	11,	B. A. Follansbee,	.	31 10
	28,	C. H. Smith,	.	24 05
Oct.	2,	S. G. Healey,	.	12 30
	11,	N. W. Goldsmith,	.	41 46
	12,	C. H. Edwards,	.	177 25
	12,	G. S. West,	.	159 85
	16,	S. G. Healey,	.	15 90
	18,	G. W. Southwick,	.	66 62
	21,	C. H. Smith,	.	13 00
	26,	W. T. Owen,	.	79 01
Nov.	2,	B. A. Follansbee,	.	41 78
	7,	A. J. Lane,	.	11 55
	14,	W. N. Colby,	.	43 25
	16,	S. S. Warren,	.	21 97
	19,	C. S. Wilcomb & Son,	.	3 79
Dec.	14,	G. D. Rand,	.	4 65
1902.				
Feb.	15,	C. H. Edwards,	.	2 10
	15,	B. A. Follansbee,	.	2 70
	15,	G. S. West,	.	38 00
				\$1,642 88

BREAKING ROADS.

1901.				
April	15,	Paid W. N. Colby,	.	\$14 47
	15,	W. H. West, 2nd,	.	20 05
	15,	S. S. Warren,	.	11 20
	24,	C. H. Edwards,	.	4 70

May	6,	Paid B. A. Follansbee,	.	\$1 80	
June	1,	C. H. Smith,	.	4 00	
1902.					
Jan.	16,	S. G. Healey,	.	5 80	
Feb.	3,	J. M. Parker,	.	3 00	
	15,	W. T. Owen,	.	6 90	
	15,	B. A. Follansbee,	.	5 60	
	15,	G. A. Cammètt,	.	4 40	
	15,	C. H. Smith,	.	6 25	
	15,	J. C. Eastman,	.	90	
	15,	G. W. Southwick,	.	11 30	
	15,	W. N. Colby,	.	12 10	
	15,	A. J. Lane,	.	7 02	
	15,	G. S. West,	.	14 15	
					\$133 64

SCHOOL MONEY.

1901.					
June	15,	Paid J. M. Webster,	.	\$700 00	
Nov.	18,	J. M. Webster,	.	700 00	
1902.					
Jan.	3,	J. M. Webster,	.	146 62	
					\$1,546 62

TUITION FOR PUPILS AT ACADEMY.

1902.					
Feb.	15,	Paid J. M. Webster,	.	\$45 00	
					\$45 00

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

1902.					
Jan.	3,	Paid J. M. Webster,	.	\$100 00	
					\$100 00

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

1902.					
Feb.	15,	Paid J. M. Webster,	.	\$147 34	
					\$147 34

PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

1901.			
Aug.	5,	Paid E. C. Eastman, books for town use,	\$12 95
	7,	Charles Bartlett, printing town reports,	39 10
Dec.	4,	E. C. Eastman, law books,	7 00
1902.			
Feb.	15,	A. H. Wilcomb for tax bills,	1 00
			\$60 05

PUBLIC LIBRARIAN'S SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

1901.			
Dec.	14,	Paid J. G. Robertson,	\$50 00
			\$50 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOKS.

1901.			
May	31,	Paid J. G. Robertson,	\$50 00
Dec.	14,	J. G. Robertson,	50 00
			\$100 00

CARE AND ATTENDANCE WITH HEARSE.

1902.			
Feb.	15,	Paid Alonzo A. West :	
1901.			
Feb.	16,	George Wells,	2 00
March	4,	George L. Converse.	2 00
May	6,	Julia E. West,	2 00
	13,	James D. Bell,	2 00
June	9,	Harriett C. Shaw,	2 00
	28,	Chester P. Corning,	2 00
Aug.	19,	Arthur L. Emerson,	2 00
Sept.	28,	Mary A. Knowles,	2 00

Oct.	6,	Paid George M. West,	.	\$2 00	
	12,	George Cammett,	.	2 00	
	15,	Charles N. Fitz,	.	2 00	
Nov.	1,	Martha W. Webster,	.	2 00	
	18,	Joseph Dane,	.	2 00	
	26,	George W. Wilcomb,	.	2 00	
Dec.	27,	Meriam B. Jones,	.	2 00	
	29,	Charles T. Brown,	.	2 00	
1902.					
Jan.	24,	Susan D. Orcutt,	.	2 00	
Feb.	2,	Helen A. F. Cochrane,	.	2 00	
	9,	Edwin Jones,	.	2 00	
		To one chamois cloth,	.	1 00	
		To one sponge,	.	60	
					\$39 60

DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

1901.					
Aug.	16,	Paid A. H. Wilcomb,	.	\$78 00	
					\$78 00

COLLECTING TAXES.

1902.					
Feb.	15,	Paid A. H. Wilcomb, for col-			
		lecting balance of 1900			
		tax,	.	\$11 46	
	15,	A. H. Wilcomb, for col-			
		lecting taxes of 1901,	.	42 50	
					\$53 96

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1902.					
Feb.	15,	Paid A. H. Wilcomb, abate-			
		ment of taxes of 1900 :			
		Cornelius Kaler, soldier,	.	\$1 45	
		William Taggart, left town,	.	1 45	

Feb.	15,	Paid William Murray, left town,	\$1 45	
		John F. McCannon, left town, . . .	1 45	
		Newton E. Emerson, left town, . . .	1 45	
		George F. Weeks, paid in Manchester, . . .	1 45	
		George F. Fields, left town, . . .	1 45	
	15,	Paid Frank Dolber, for horses died, . . .	1 08	
				\$11 23

REAL ESTATE BOUGHT AT COLLECTOR'S SALE.

1901.

June	28,	Paid A. H. Wilcomb, tax of J. W. Towle, . . .	\$24 11	
	28,	A. H. Wilcomb, tax of D. L. Sanborn, . . .	4 29	
				\$28 40

RETURNS OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

1901.

Apr.	24,	Paid H. T. Slocum, for three marriage returns, . . .	\$0 75	
Nov.	2,	G. A. Emerson, Admr. for return of two births and one death, . . .	75	

1902.

Feb.	15,	J. G. Robertson, for return of five marriages, . . .	1 25	
	15,	R. H. Barker, M. D., for 21 deaths and nine births, . . .	7 50	
	15,	C. F. Marston, for one death and one birth, . . .	50	
				\$10 75

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CARE OF CEMETERY.

1901.			
Dec.	14,	Paid R. H. Hazelton,	13 60
1902.			
Feb.	15,	A. H. Wilcomb, for rope for use at cemetery,	37
			\$13 97

MEMORIAL DAY.

1901.			
		Paid E. J. Robie,	\$50 00
			\$50 00

PUBLIC WATER TROUGHS.

1901.			
Nov.	25,	Paid C. H. Edwards, repairs on waterpipe on Derry road,	\$2 37
			\$2 37

EXPENSE OF TOWN HALL.

1902.			
Feb.	3,	Paid F. G. Lewis, for labor, moving safe and building closets in town hall,	\$12 47
	15,	J. C. Ramsdell, for cur- tains for town hall, labor and fixtures,	6 50
1902.			
July	30,	A. H. Wilcomb, for insur- ing town hall from Aug. 1, 1901 to Aug., 1902,	10 00
			\$28 97

BOARD OF HEALTH.

1902.

Feb.	15,	Paid C. F. Marston, services and expenses as health officer, . . .	\$6 00	
	15,	R. H. Barker, services and expenses as health officer, . . .	11 87	
				\$17 87

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

1901.

May	25,	Paid A. H. Wilcomb, express for road machine repairs, . . .	\$0 30	
June	28,	C. H. Edwards, road ma- chine repairs, . . .	2 60	
Oct.	8,	Burnham, Brown & War- ren, for counsel, . . .	2 00	

1902.

Feb.	15,	C. J. Eastman, police ser- vices, July 1901, . . .	2 00	
	15,	F. C. and J. R. F. Brown, for watching fire at Mrs. Cochrane's, . . .	2 50	
	15,	F. W. Weymouth, for watching fire at Mrs. Cochrane's, . . .	1 25	

1901.

June	25,	J. T. Ramsey, interest on note, . . .	20 00	
Aug.	16,	G. S. West, for Old Home Week, . . .	50 00	
				\$80 65

SCHOOL BOARDS' SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

1902.

Feb.	15,	Paid J. M. Webster, . . .	\$40 00	
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Feb.	15,	L. S. Hooke,	.	\$40 00	
	15,	Olive B. Jones,	.	5 00	
				<u> </u>	\$85 00

TOWN CLERK'S SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

1902.

Feb.	15,	Paid C. F. Marston,	.	\$21 50	
				<u> </u>	\$21 50

TOWN TREASURER'S SALARY.

1902.

Feb.	15,	Paid G. S. West	.	\$25 00	
				<u> </u>	\$25 00

SELECTMEN'S SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

1902.

Feb.	15,	Paid C. H. Edwards,	.	\$78 00	
	15,	J. C. Ramsdell,	.	39 75	
	15,	F. P. Shackford,	.	35 20	
				<u> </u>	\$152 95

OVERSEER OF THE POOR SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

1902.

Feb.	15,	Paid F. P. Shackford,	.	\$12 45	
				<u> </u>	\$12 45

AUDITORS' SERVICES.

1902.

Feb.	15,	Paid C. F. Marston,	.	\$2 00	
	15,	C. H. Greene,	.	2 00	
	15,	A. A. Bean,	.	2 00	
				<u> </u>	\$6 00

SELECTMEN AND AUDITORS' EXPENSES.

1902.

Feb. 15, Paid C. H. Edwards,	.	\$5 00	
			\$5 00

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. EDWARDS,	}	Selectmen of Chester.
JOHN C. RAMSDELL,		
FRANKLIN P. SHACKFORD,		

NOTICE.

All taxes assessed in the Town of Chester, for the year 1901 not paid on or before the first day of April next, will be advertised and collected as the law directs.

ARTHUR H. WILCOMB, Collector.

Chester, N. H., February 20, 1902.

REPORT OF FRANK P. SHACKFORD,

OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

HARRIET C. SHAW.

Paid C. H. Gordon for casket,	.	\$25	00	
A. L. Emerson, M. D., for professional services,	.	7	00	
George K. Eaton, for digging grave,	.	2	50	
				\$34 50

HIRAM S. DROWNS.

Paid G. M. Phoenix, for casket, robe and funeral supplies,	.	\$41	01	
C. E. Lander, M. D., for professional services,	.	5	25	
Daniel W. Drowns, for care of	.	8	00	
G. S. Sanborn, for digging grave,	.	2	00	
F. P. Shackford, expenses,	.	11	45	
				\$67 71

TRANSIENTS.

Paid A. T. Underhill, for lodging five transients,	.	\$2	50	
C. H. Edwards, for lodging seven transients,	.	3	50	
F. P. Shackford, for lodging two transients,	.	1	00	
				\$7 00

FRANKLIN A. MORSE.

Paid Robert H. Hazelton, for digging . grave, (account of 1900). . .	\$2 00	
		\$2 00
Total amount for support of poor in town,	\$111 21	
		\$111 21

COUNTY PAUPERS.

ELIJAH STOCKWELL.

Paid Fanny West, for board from Feb. 12, 1901 to Feb. 11, 1902. . .	\$91 00	
R. H. Barker, M. D., for professional services, . . .	2 00	
A. L. Emerson, M. D., for profes- sional services, . . .	2 00	
C. W. Abbott, for clothing, . . .	2 90	
C. S. Wilcomb & Son, for shirts, . . .	1 00	
		\$98 90

LUTHER MORSE.

Paid Fanny West, for board from Feb. 12, 1901 to Feb. 11, 1902, . . .	\$91 00	
		\$91 00

CHARLES WOODWARD.

Paid Webster Brothers, for goods fur- nished, . . .	\$23 70	
R. H. Barker, M. D., for profes- sional services, . . .	32 00	
		\$55 70

DAVID BUTTERFIELD.

Paid Webster Brothers, for goods furnished,		
ed,	\$51	58
Wilcomb & Son, for goods furnished,	6	39
C. S. Johns, for meat furnished,	1	37
J. C. Eastman, for sawing wood,	1	00
R. H. Barker, M. D., for professional services,	4	00
	—————	\$64 34
Collected of Rockingham County and paid Town Treasurer,	\$303	55
Balance due from County,	6	39
	—————	\$309 94

FRANKLIN P. SHACKFORD,

Overseer of the Poor.

CHESTER, N. H., February 20, 1902.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Overseer of the Poor, for the year ending, February 15, 1902, and find them correctly cast with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,	} Auditors.
ADDISON A. BEAN,	
CHARLES H. GREENE,	

Dr.

THE TOWN OF CHESTER IN ACCOUNT

1901-1902.	
To discount on taxes paid on or before Aug. 1, 1901	\$ 78 00
To cash paid for improvements on roads and bridges.....	1,642 88
To cash paid for breaking roads	133 64
To cash paid school district treasurer for schools.....	1,546 62
To cash paid for school books and supplies	147 34
To cash paid for Memorial Day expenses.....	50 00
To cash paid for collecting taxes.....	53 96
To cash paid for care and attendance with hearse.....	39 60
To cash paid for county taxes	1,454 72
To cash paid for state taxes	769 25
To cash paid for care of cemetery.....	13 97
To cash paid for return of births, marriages and deaths.....	10 75
To cash paid for miscellaneous bills.....	80 65
To cash paid for school board services and expenses.....	85 00
To cash paid for town clerk's services and expenses.....	21 50
To cash paid for town treasurer's salary.....	25 00
To cash paid for selectmen's services and expenses.....	152 95
To cash paid for overseer of poor services and expenses.....	12 45
To cash paid for auditors' services.....	6 00
To cash paid for selectmen and auditors' expenses.....	5 00
To cash paid for support of poor.....	421 15
To cash paid for school-house repairs.....	100 00
To cash paid for public library books.....	100 00
To cash paid for public library expenses and librarian's services	50 00
To cash paid for abatement of taxes.....	11 23
To cash paid for tuition of pupils at Pinkerton Academy.....	45 00
To cash paid for real estate bought at collector's sale.....	28 40
To cash paid for public watering troughs.....	2 37
To cash paid for expense of town hall.....	28 97
To cash paid for board of health services.....	17 87
To cash paid for printing and stationery.....	60 05
To cash in treasury to balance.....	1,202 60
	\$8,396 92

WITH GEORGE S. WEST, TOWN TREASURER.

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1901.		
	By cash in the treasury, Feb. 20, 1901...	\$925 50
March	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1900	200 00
April	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1900	500 00
May	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1900	150 00
May	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1901	100 00
June	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1900	100 00
June	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1901	300 00
June	By cash of town clerk, for dog licenses	155 01
July	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1901	700 00
Aug.	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1901	1,500 00
Aug.	By cash of county for support of poor	116 56
Oct.	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1901	200 00
Nov.	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1901	400 00
Dec.	By cash of state treasurer, railroad tax	17 44
Dec.	By cash of state, savings bank tax	1,064 75
Dec.	By cash of state, literary fund	59 36
Dec.	By cash hired of Derry Bank	500 00
Dec.	By cash of Mrs. J. W. Towle, to redeem real estate sold for taxes	33 03
Dec.	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1901	400 00
1902.		
Jan.	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1901	200 00
Feb.	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1901	450 00
Feb.	By cash of county for support of poor	186 99
Feb.	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, balance on tax list of 1900	77 27
Feb.	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, interest on taxes of 1900	21 40
Feb.	By cash of D. L. R. Sanborn, to redeem real estate ..	4 61
Feb.	By cash of Chester Grange for rent of town hall	25 00
		\$8,396 92

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

ASSETS.

Balance on tax list of 1901,	.	\$969 24
Claim on real estate held by town, for non payment of taxes :		
James W. Towle farm, for 1900,	.	26 78
Balance in hands of treasurer,	.	1,202 60
		\$2,198 62

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN, FEB. 20, 1902.

Note due John T. Ramsey, with interest at 4 per cent,	.	.	\$513 28
Note due Webster Brothers, with interest at 4 per cent,	.	.	486 83
Note due C. H. Greene, with interest at 4 per cent,	.	.	299 82
Note due Derry Bank, with interest,	.	.	505 00
Amount of Pressey legacy,	.	.	200 00
Balance of amount due H. S. Drowne,	.	.	70 65
			\$2,075 58
Balance in favor of the town,	.	.	\$123 04

GEORGE S. WEST, Treasurer.

CHESTER, N. H., February 20, 1902.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of George S. West, town treasurer, and find them correctly cast with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,	} Auditors.
CHARLES H. GREENE,	
ADDISON A. BEAN,	

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Number of recorded books in library,		
Feb. 1, 1902,		1764
Number of unrecorded Government Re-		
ports and books with paper		
covers,		56
Books added to library in 1901,		121
Purchased with town money or fines,		110
Given,		11
Fiction,		59
Non-Fiction,		62
Number of books taken out during the		
year,		4900
Largest number taken out in one day,		108
Smallest number,		7
Per cent of fiction read,		71
Per cent of non-fiction read,		29
Money received in fines, in 1901,	\$3 10	
From summer boarders,	30	
Sale of catalogues,	35	
Balance on hand, from 1900,	98	
		\$4 73
Expended for books and needed supplies,	\$1 75	
Cash on hand to balance,	2 98	
		\$4 73

Gifts of papers, magazines and books in cloth or paper covers have been received during the year from J. F. Stuart,

Secretary of State of New Hampshire ; Mrs. Charles Tenney, Miss E. E. Rule, Ex-Gov. Rollins, G. W. Dean, J. H. Thayer, Mrs. E. H. Fitz, Miss Martha Gerry, Mrs. Charles Kent, Wilbur Cutter, Mrs. Josephine Coming, Howard Fitz, Wilson Wells, and an unknown boarder.

REMARKS BY THE LIBRARIAN.

The patronage of the Public Library during the last year has been very gratifying. An increase of 450 books in circulation over the preceding year is noticeable. Many children below the age limit are using the library by means of their parents' cards.

There is an imperative need of more shelves.

The demand for late magazines always exceeds the supply, this department of the library work is so well patronized.

The per cent of non-fiction has reached its highest mark this year, 29, but we hope to see it doubled in the future, when the average reader will find that poetry, travels and history have as keen an interest for him as current fiction.

ISABELLE H. FITZ, Librarian.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year,	.	.	\$49 82	
Received from town,	.	.	150 00	
				\$199 82

EXPENDITURES.

DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., books,	.	\$43 06
Little, Brown & Co., books,	.	27 16
F. J. Barnard & Co., rebinding,	.	14 95
D. D. Cottrell, periodicals,	.	13 60
C. N. Fitz, janitor,	.	1 80
Isabelle H. Fitz, librarian,	.	20 00

A. H. Wilcomb, insurance,	.	\$7 50	
Jordan, Marsh & Co., books,	.	3 51	
Courier Publishing Co., supplies,	.	8 98	
Wilson S. Wells, periodical,	.	1 00	
Webster Bros., wood and supplies,	.	5 87	
Carrie B. Hazelton, four books,	.	2 75	
A. V. Fisher, two books,	.	2 00	
Frank Gile, sawing wood,	.	1 20	
Calvin Griffin, sawing wood,	.	90	
Home Library Association, books,	.	11 00	
L. W. Hall, work and materials,	.	6 25	
Chas. H. Knowles, one cord wood,	.	4 00	
Charles Bartlett, printing	.	1 00	
C. S. Wilcomb & Son, supplies,	.	85	
Express, freight and expenses,	.	3 80	
Balance on hand,	.	18 64	
			\$199 82

AUGUSTUS P. MORSE, }
 ADDISON A. BEAN, } Library Trustees.
 JAMES G. ROBERTSON, }

CHESTER, N. H., February 20, 1902.

We certify that we have examined the accounts of the Trustees and Treasurer of the Free Public Library of the Town of Chester, for the year past, and find them correctly cast with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON, }
 CHARLES H. GREENE, } Auditors.

SCHOOL WARRANT.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

ROCKINGHAM, S.S.

*To the inhabitants of the Town of Chester School District,
qualified to vote in District affairs :*

You are hereby notified to meet in the Town Hall, in said town, Saturday, the fifteenth day of March, 1902, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects :

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a Clerk.
3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing one year.
5. To choose a Treasurer.
6. To see if the District will vote to authorize the School Board to unite with one or more Town Districts or Special Districts, to form a Supervisory District for the purpose of employing a superintendent of the public schools therein, under the provisions of chapter 77 of the Session Laws of New Hampshire, 1899 ; and to raise money to carry such vote into effect.

7. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

8. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the support of schools, in addition to that required by law.

9. To see what the District will do in regard to repairing, furnishing and improving the school buildings, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for that purpose.

10. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

11. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Chester, this twenty-first day of February, 1902.

LIZZIE S. HOOKE, } School Board
JOHN M. WEBSTER, } of Chester.

A true copy of warrant, attest:

LIZZIE S. HOOKE, } School Board
JOHN M. WEBSTER, } of Chester.

SCHOOL REPORT.

One of our School Suprintendents, who went to his long home, some years ago, said :

“ Another year of the school history of our town has passed. Any record of it must necessarily be brief and imperfect. As in the flow of quiet waters, there is little in the course of such a history to attract public attention and remark, though the results are most important and wide-reaching. Next to the influence of home, are those of the school in giving inspiration and directions to those immortal powers, which are the inheritance of every child ; and which, to the child and to others, work incalculable weal or woe, according to their early shaping or development. No town can therefore feel too deep an interest in the educational influences which mould its youth, or care too sedulously that they are of the highest possible order and excellence.”

Our schools are never all we would have them, but we cannot expect to have perfect teachers and scholars, when parents, and even the School Board have never yet attained that point themselves. However, we think that on the whole, our schools have been as good as the average. We think some of our scholars leave school too early. If they cannot go out of town to school, it is more important that they should attend the home school longer. Only a few years ago scholars from eighteen to twenty, and even older than that, were seen in our schoolrooms in the winter. Now, some of them think

they know all there is to be known, by the time the law will allow them to remain away. This is all a mistake. Our teachers now are just as capable of teaching advanced scholars as they were then and enjoy having them in the schoolroom. Then do not stay at home because you think you are too old or know too much. We are never too old to learn. There is knowledge beyond us all.

Our roll of honor is not quite up to last year; partly on account of sickness, and partly on account of a heavy snow-storm the first of the winter term. We hope it may be better another year.

Some criticisms have reached our ears in regard to the condition of the blinds on one of our schoolhouses. We admit they needed looking after, and commenced in the early spring to have it done, but before we could get the missing ones put in shape, others had broken, so that now they are about as good as they were when we commenced repairing. Hope another spring may see those repairs completed.

Mrs. Jones resigned early in the school year, and left town after part of the teachers were engaged, and as there was nothing out of the regular order of business, the other members have carried on the work without filling the vacancy.

The same teachers were kept through the year, except in two cases, where they resigned at the close of the fall term, and could not be persuaded to withdraw their resignations, so new ones must be found for the five or six weeks of winter school.

On account of sickness, only one of the members was able to be present at the close of the winter schools, but we think that taken as a whole, very good work has been done. Hoping that still better work may be done another year, we close our report.

LIZZIE S. HOOKE, } School Board
JOHN M. WEBSTER, } of Chester.

ROLL OF HONOR.

FIRST DIVISION. NO. 1 SCHOOL.

Howard W. Edwards *	Ruth N. Webster †
Laura R. Lane *	Leroy S. Woodard
Lena L. Webster	Addie E. Southwick

SECOND DIVISION.

Mildred Fitts	Blanche Nichols †
Blanche Webster	Marie Thayer
Ethel Mackintosh †	Edith Hazelton
Earl Hazelton	Sherburne Hazelton
Philip Hazelton	

NO. 2. SOUTH ROAD.

Holly Purinton *	Alice Leighton
Percy Richardson	Abbie Willey

NO. 3. BRICK.

Sumner Edwards †	Joseph Edwards †
Robert Bryant	Walter Brown

NO. 5. NORTH CHESTER.

Minnie Hazelton †	Grace M. Dolber *
Maud B. Parker †	Nellie W. Parker †
Everett R. Haselton †	Bernice Maxwell †
Alice B. Maxwell †	Roy F. Weeks †
Evelyn M. Holland	Florence A. Holland
Perley V. Haselton	

NO. 6. TOWLE.

Ella M. Barnard	Hazel I. Stowe †
Alice L. Marden	Percy S. Stowe †
Fred Drowne	Roxana R. W. West
Joseph Hatch	Herbert Ray

NO. 7. WALNUT HILL.

Bertha A. L. Buzzell	Ethel Tewksbury
Olive S. Buzzell	Lillian Kimball
John J. S. Buzzell	Herbert Woodard
Hazel S. Stevens	George Woodard

* Three terms perfect.

† Two terms perfect.

EXPENDITURES.

PAID FOR TEACHING.

1901.		
June	21, Adelaide M. Turner,	\$99 00
	21, Martha L. Coolidge,	66 00
	21, Anna L. Hazelton,	73 15
	27, Susie M. Gillingham,	78 00
	27, Edith M. Webster,	72 00
	28, M. Genevieve Sargeant,	88 00
	28, Carrie B. Hazelton,	82 50
Nov.	22, Adelaide M. Turner,	99 00
	22, M. Genevieve Sargeant,	96 00
	25, Martha L. Coolidge,	75 00
	25, Carrie B. Hazelton,	96 00
	27, Duraxa W. Crawford,	71 50
Dec.	2, Edith M. Webster,	72 00
	10, Susie M. Gillingham,	78 00
1902.		
Jan.	3, Edith M. Webster,	30 00
	3, Susie M. Gillingham,	32 50
	9, Grace E. Marden,	45 00
	9, M. Genevieve Sargeant,	48 00
	9, Mary E. Chesbro,	39 00
	11, Martha L. Coolidge,	37 50
	17, Adelaide M. Turner,	63 00
		\$1,441 15

FUEL ACCOUNT.

1901.

Paid Martin Mills,	.	.	\$6 69
A. F. B. Edwards & Son,	.	.	6 00
Garland Smith,	.	.	8 20
R. H. Hazelton,	.	.	2 00
Bertie F. Gile, fitting wood,	.	.	1 75
W. P. W. Whittemore,	.	.	8 00

1902.

Paid Charles E. Willey, fitting wood,		1 50	
Frank C. Brown, fitting wood,	.	75	
Green & Couch,	.	8 00	
Augustus P. Morse,	.	6 07	
George H. Dane,	.	6 87	
Oscar M. Lovering,	.	5 25	
			\$61 08

JANITORS' SERVICES.

Paid Joseph Hatch,	.	.	\$1 25
Frank Warren,	.	.	1 50
Howard B. Fitts,	.	.	4 45
			\$7 20

CONVEYING PUPILS.

Paid Charles F. True,	.	.	\$58 00
			\$58 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Mrs. Fannie West,	.	.	\$7 50
Mrs. Ella B. Drowne,	.	.	2 00
Mrs. B. A. Follansbee,	.	.	2 00
B. A. Follansbee,	.	.	1 00
Mrs. A. M. Wakefield,	.	.	2 00
Charles Bartlett,	.	.	75
Mrs. Rufus Abbott,	.	.	1 00
			\$16 25

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

Paid L. H. Pillsbury & Son,	.	\$4 00	
W. F. Hubbard,	..	3 25	
Henry S. Jones,	.	1 00	
Sidney A. Hardy,	.	1 00	
Harry N. West,	.	5 28	
L. B. Jenkins & Co.,	.	55	
Thomas Leavitt, Jr.,	.	5 00	
A. F. B. Edwards & Son,	.	1 34	
William Hodgdon,	.	40	
James M. Heath,	.	2 25	
Edward West,	.	50	
Jesse G. Hall,	.	5 72	
C. S. Wilcomb & Son,	.	2 91	
John W. West, 2nd,	.	3 00	
William P. Nichols,	.	55 69	
Lizzie S. Hooke,	.	2 70	
			\$94 59

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Paid Silver, Burdett, & Co.,	.	\$40 86	
Thomas R. Shewell, & Co.,	.	4 51	
Edward E. Babb, & Co.,	.	23 50	
American Book Co.,	.	68 56	
Carrie B. Hazelton,	.	1 36	
Webster Bros.,	.	5 05	
Express and Postage,	.	5 20	
			\$149 04

CREDIT.

Received for supplies sold,	.	\$1 70	
Received from town,	.	147 34	
			\$149 04

SCHOLARS ATTENDING PINKERTON ACADEMY.

Paid Ethel M. Greene, . . .	\$6 00	
Maud R. Rand, . . .	6 00	
Laura B. Robinson, . . .	6 00	
Carrie A. Underhill, . . .	6 00	
Marion C. Webster, . . .	6 00	
Bessie L. Wray, . . .	6 00	
Harris M. West, . . .	6 00	
Roy Purington, 1-2 term, . . .	3 00	
		\$45 00
CREDIT.		
Received from town, tuition, . . .	\$45 00	
		\$45 00

CHESTER, N. H., February 20, 1902.

We certify that we have examined the accounts of the School Board of Chester, for the past year, and find them correctly cast with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,	} Auditors.
CHARLES H. GREENE,	
ADDISON A. BEAN,	

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT.

SCHOOL MONEY RECEIVED.

Balance from last year, . . .	\$65 35
Received from town of Chester, . . .	1,546 62
Received from town of Derry, tuition,	
No. 7	9 80
Received from B. Sanborn, tuition,	
No. 6	1 00

Received from J. Bingham, tuition,		
No. 6,	.	1 00
Received from auction sale No. 9		
school house,	.	20 50
		<u> </u> \$1,644 27
Paid for teachers	.	\$1,441 15
conveying pupils, No. 6,	.	58 00
fuel,	.	61 08
janitors,	.	7 20
miscellaneous bills,	.	16 25
Cash on hand to balance,	.	60 59
		<u> </u> \$1,644 27

EXPENDITURES ON SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Paid bills for repairs,	.	\$94 59
Cash on hand to balance,	.	37 06
		<u> </u> \$131 65

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year,	.	\$31 65
Received from town,	.	100 00
		<u> </u> \$131 65

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. WEBSTER, District Treasurer.

CHESTER, N. H., February 20, 1902.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of John M. Webster, treasurer of the School District of the Town of Chester, for the year past, and find them correctly cast with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,
 CHARLES H. GREENE, } Auditors.
 ADDISON A. BEAN,

SCHOOL TABLE.

No. of School.	TERMS.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	No. of Weeks	Whole No. of Pupils.	No. of Pupils in												
					Reading	Spelling	Writing	Arithmetic	Geography	Grammar	History	Composition.	Drawing.	Vocal Music	Physiology	Book-keeping	Algebra
1 Div.	Spring . .	Adelaide M. Turner	11	20	20	20	20	20	15	17	15	18	14	20	19	4	..
	Fall	Adelaide M. Turner	11	21	21	21	21	21	19	19	14	20	..	21	21	1	..
	Winter . . .	Adelaide M. Turner	7	18	18	18	18	18	17	17	18	..	18	18	1	..	
2 Div.	Spring . .	Carrie B. Hazelton	11	23	23	19	21	21	11	10	..	11	..	..	..	..	..
	Fall	Carrie B. Hazelton	12	32	32	32	32	28	20	19	7	7	..	..	..	..	..
	Winter . .	Grace E. Marden	6	34	34	34	34	27	27	18	7	7	..	..	..	..	..
2	Spring . .	Martha L. Coolidge	11	9	8	7	7	7	7	3	3	3	..	..	..	..	..
	Fall	Martha L. Coolidge	12	10	9	8	9	8	7	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Winter . .	Martha L. Coolidge	6	8	7	6	7	6	6	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
3	Spring . .	M. Genevieve Sargeant	11	22	22	22	22	18	15	8	8	..	..	..	3	..	..
	Fall	M. Genevieve Sargeant	12	18	18	18	18	14	12	8	6	..	..	..	1	..	..
	Winter . .	M. Genevieve Sargeant	6	13	13	13	13	12	9	6	4	..	..	..	1	..	..
5	Spring . .	Edith M. Webster	12	15	14	14	14	14	14	8	3	7	..	..	3	..	..
	Fall	Edith M. Webster	12	15	15	15	15	13	13	7	7	..	..	3	..	..	..
	Winter . .	Edith M. Webster	5	15	12	12	12	11	11	7	7	..	..	3	..	..	..
6	Spring . .	Susie H. Gillingham	12	16	16	16	15	13	9	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Fall	Susie H. Gillingham	12	18	18	18	18	13	11	6	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Winter . .	Susie H. Gillingham	5	17	17	17	17	13	13	7	7	..	..	..	..	..	..
7	Spring . .	Anna L. Hazelton	11	15	15	15	15	15	9	9	7	9	15	..	..	..	..
	Fall	Duraxa W. Crawford	11	14	13	13	13	10	9	9	9	..	9	..	..	..	..
	Winter . .	Mary E. Chesbro	6	13	13	13	9	13	9	9	7	..	9	..	..	..	..

BIRTHS,
MARRIAGES,
DEATHS,

REGISTERED IN THE

TOWN OF CHESTER

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1901.

Births Registered in the Town of Chester, for the Year Ending December 31, 1901.

Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.	Name of Child (if any.)	Sex & Con		Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.		
			Male or Female	Living or Stillb.							No. of Child.	Color.
Mar. 6	Chester ..	Ethel Ina	f	1	Oscar M. Lovering ..	Ina G. Morse	Chester	Derry	23	25		
Mar. 22	"	Loren Parker	m	1	George D. Rand ..	Lestina L. Parker ..	Chester	Sandwich	53	44		
April 11	"	Eleanor Harris	f	1	Nathan W. Goldsmith	Mary W. Kimball ..	Chester	Dexter, Me	41	32		
May 10	"	Dorothy Abbie	f	1	Arthur E. Leighton.	Sarah E. Edwards ..	Lowell, Mass.	Chester	22	22		
May 9	"	Winifred Rachel	f	1	John H. Robie	Abbie J. Goldsmith.	Chester	Pittsfield	22	22		
June 13	"	Winifred Rachel	f	1	John H. Robie	Abbie J. Goldsmith.	Chester	Pittsfield	22	22		
June 13	"	Bernard Morse	m	1	Elmer A. Sanborn ..	Mary A. Morse	Chester	Chester	31	24		
Sept. 28	"	Viola Packard	f	1	Wm. H. H. Cole	Hellen F. Buckley ..	Columbia, N. Y.	Malden, Mass.	61	29		
Sept. 5	"	Welcome Danver	m	1	Farish G. Lewis	Flora G. Jones	Nova Scotia	Brattleboro, Vt.	32	26		
Oct. 1	"	Evelyn G.	f	1	George A. Freeman	Fraunce E. Parker ..	Natick, Mass.	S. Framingham, M's ..	28	22		
Oct. 1	"	Forest Russell	m	1	George F. DeLasky	Lillian A. Kenney ..	New Brunswick	East Boston, Mass. ..	27	24		
Nov. 28	"	Eva Elizabeth	f	1	Elmer M. Robie	Carrie M. Devino ..	Frankonia	Chester	65	45		
Nov. 12	"	Eva Elizabeth	f	1	Samuel S. Parker ..	Ellen A. Hazelton ..	Chester	Chester	40	30		
Dec. 24	"	Helen Louisa	f	1	Edmund Simpson ..	Hlda Allen	Boston, Mass.	Philadelphia, Pa.	43	39		

Marriages Registered in the Town of Chester, for the Year Ending December 31, 1901.

Date.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Bride and Groom.	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age of each	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each.	Names of Parents.	Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by whom married.
Jan. 5	Chester	Walter W. Lane	Chester	23 w	Carpenter	Chester	Luther B. Lane	1	James G. Robertson, Clergyman, Chester.
		Carolyn M. Lane	Chester	21 w	—	Chester	Emma A. Brown	1	
Sept. 4	Chester	James A. Edwards	Chester	25 w	Sawyer	Chester	Emeline P. Tenney	1	James G. Robertson, Clergyman, Chester.
		Anna L. Lane	Chester	23 w	—	Chester	Albert F. B. Edwards	1	
14	Chester	John Bentley	Medford, Mass.	71 w	None	England	Anna E. Knights	2	C. H. Smith, Clergyman, Sandown.
		Frances Mary Adams	Medford, Mass.	59 w	—	Williams-town, Vt.	Mary L. Dow	1	
Dec. 4	West Boylston, Mass.	William A. Healy	Chester	26 w	Farming	Chester	Maria Kettle	1	J. B. Robinson, Clergyman, West Boylston, Mass.
		Hattie F. Buss	West Boylston, Mass.	21 w	—	Worcester, Mass.	Arnold Adams	1	
							Charlotte Colby	1	
							Samuel C. Healy	1	
							Melissa Pace	1	
							Fred Buss	1	
							Ellen Salisbury	1	

Deaths Registered in the Town of Chester, for the Year Ending December 31, 1901.

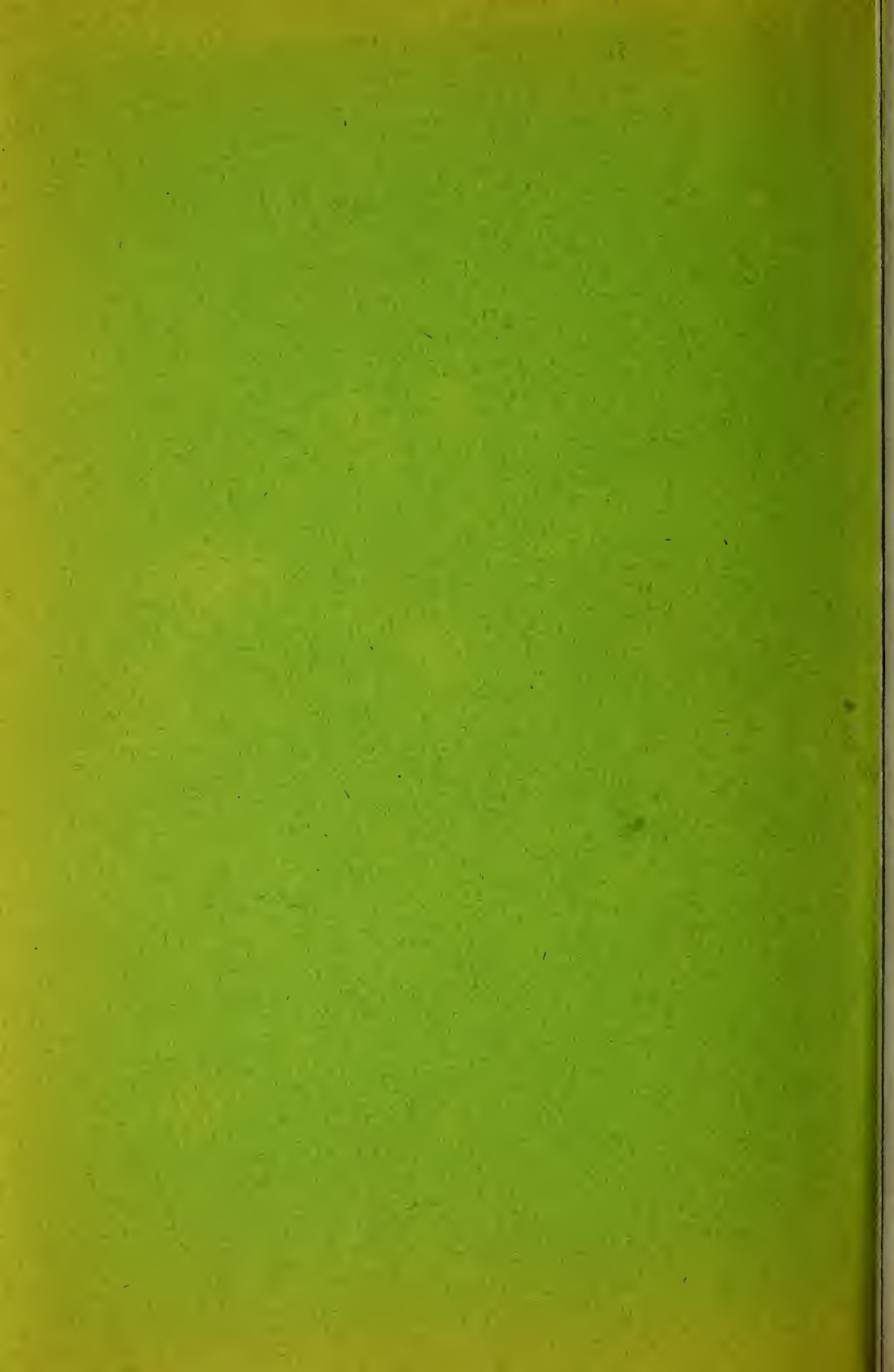
Date.	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex Con.		Occupation.	Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.
			Years.	Months.	Days.		Sex.	Color.			
1901.											
Feb. 8	Chester	Madeline P. Fisk	1	1	23	Chester	f	w	—	John D. Fisk	Martha A. Emery
11	"	Edward B. West	29	7	8	"	m	w	—	Edward West	Jane Kelley
12	"	George Wells	76	3	22	Sandown	m	w	Farmer	Thomas Wells	Nabby Hunkins
Mar. 4	"	George Locke Converse	52	9	12	Danbury	m	w	"	Luke Converse	Sarah T. Bean
16	"	Thos. Emerson Kendall	80	6	21	Chester	m	w	Laborer	Samuel Kendall	Keziah Cutter
May 3	"	Julie Etta West	43	7	..	Thompson, C'mn	f	w	—	Horatio H. Rhodes	Maria H. Smith
10	"	James Duncan Bell	83	9	3	Chester	m	w	Farmer	William Bell	Mary McMaster
June 7	"	Harriett C. Shaw	85	10	1	Wolwich, Me.	f	w	—	Walker Card	Sally
11	"	Arthur Truman Osburn	44	2	26	Milford, Me.	m	w	Fireman	George Osburn	Julie Daley
23	Sandown	Cyrdia Woodbury	34	2	1	Chester	m	w	Salesman	John S. Corning	Josephine M. Stevens
July 2	Chester	Nancy Croubie Steele	77	4	11	"	f	w	—	Michael Drew	Addie A. Hall
Aug. 16	"	Arthur L. Emerson	32	3	15	Chester	m	w	Physician	Emerson H. Childs	Sarah Sleepet
16	"	Nathaniel B. Couch	52	4	14	Hernan, Me	m	w	—	Isiah Emerson	Lois Hutclius
Sept. 8	"	Mary A. Knowles	60	9	23	Chester	f	w	Lumberman	John S. Couch	Betsy Smith
25	"	George Moody West	81	3	19	"	m	w	Farmer	George W. Hook	Sarah Rogers
Oct. 9	Faribault, Minn	Elizabeth Hazleton Fitz	83	10	..	"	f	w	—	Joshiah Hazleton	Sarah Emerson
10	Chester	George Cummett	80	11	13	"	m	w	Farmer	Cyrus Cummett	Ruth Seavey
13	"	Charles Norton Fitz	72	4	18	W. Newbury, Ms	m	w	"	Charles Fitz	Wata True
13	"	Martha W. Webster	78	8	18	Fremont	f	w	—	George Gibson	Catharine Olone
29	"	Katie R. Underhill	41	2	16	New York, N.Y.	f	w	—	Peter Metutyre	Hannah Brown
Nov. 7	"	Joseph Dane	82	6	1	Andover, Mass.	m	w	Harnessm'kr	Benjamin Dane	Susan Hoyt
15	"	George Wilber Wilcomb	77	2	25	Chester	m	w	Farmer	Elbenzer Wilcomb	Keziah Cutter
25	"	Miriam B. Jones	88	7	28	Litchfield	f	w	—	Samuel Kendall	Cynthia J. Piper
Dec. 23	"	Charles Thomas Brown	32	1	25	Chester	m	w	Shoemaker	George L. Brown	

Average age 61.36 years.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to my best knowledge and belief.

CYRUS F. MARSTON, Town Clerk.





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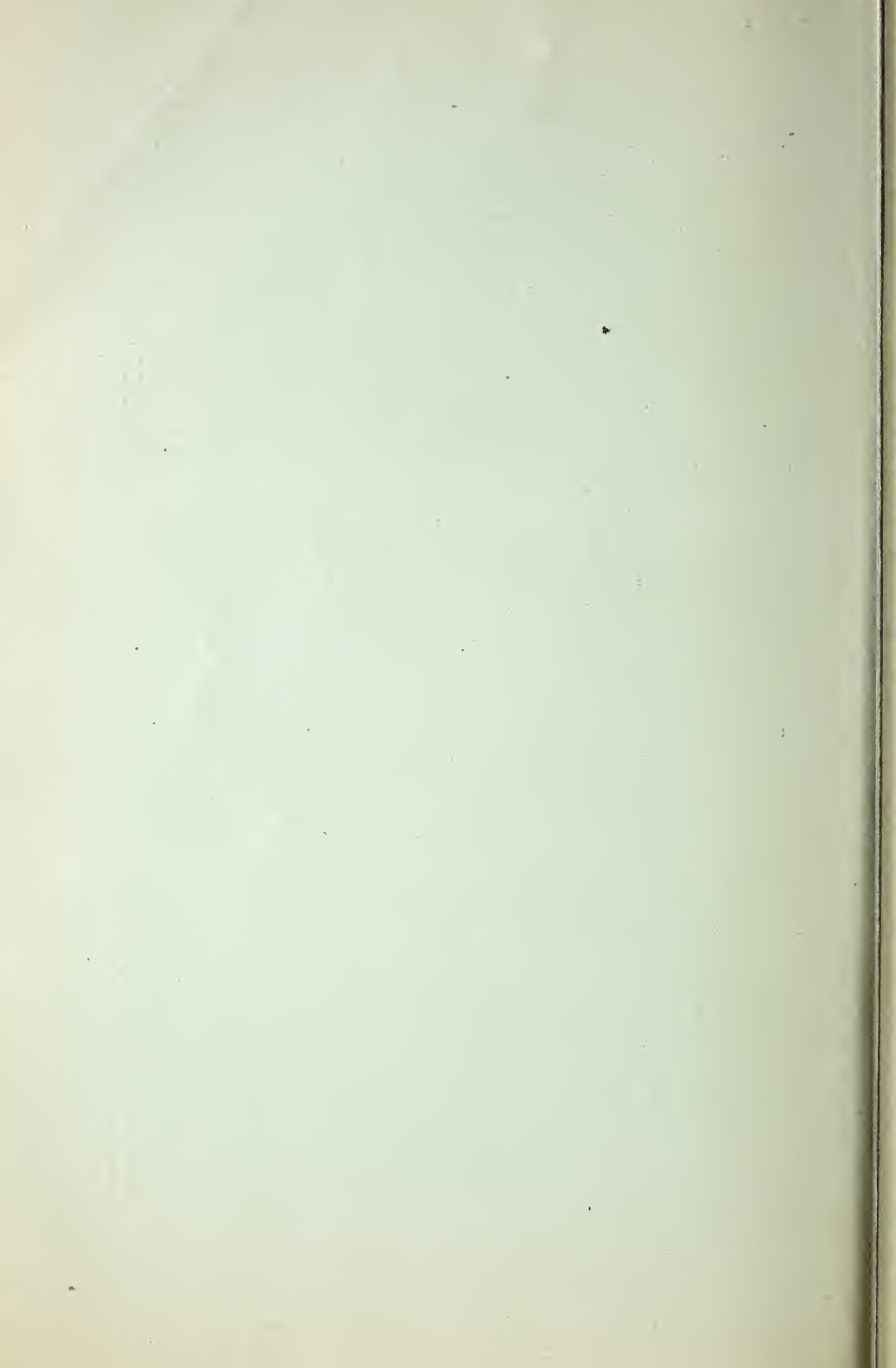
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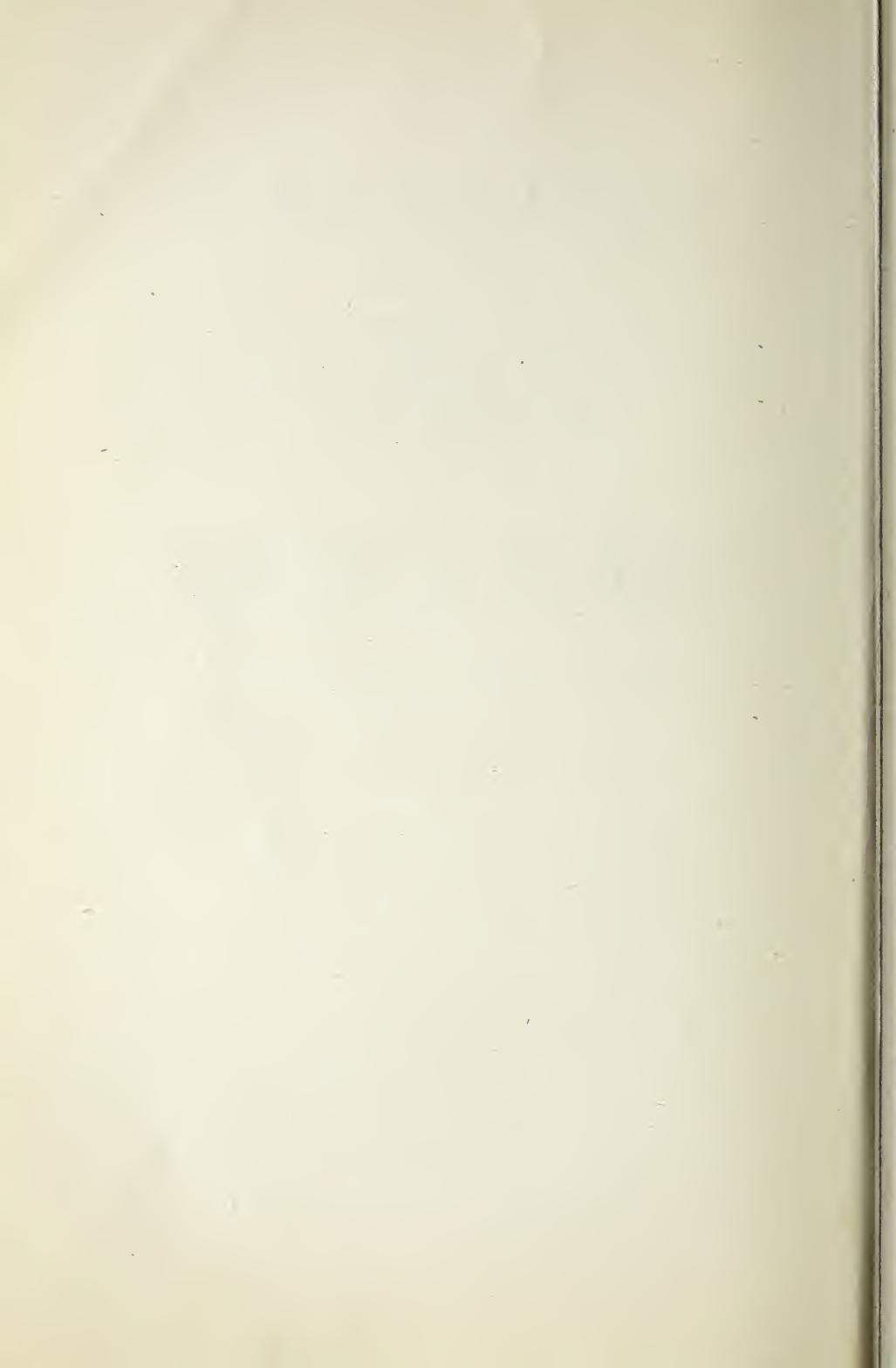
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POOR, TOWN TREASURER, TOWN CLERK
SCHOOL BOARD, LIBRARY TRUSTEES,
AND AUDITORS

OF THE

TOWN OF CHESTER

For the year ending February 15, 1903.

DERRY, N. H.:
CHARLES BARTLETT,
PRINTER,
1903.



TOWN WARRANT.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,

ROCKINGHAM, S.S.

[L. S.]

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Chester, in the County of Rockingham, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday, the tenth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.
3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for salary of librarian, and defray running expenses of the Public Library.
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, in addition to that required by law, to purchase books for the Public Library.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the decoration of soldiers' graves.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray expenses of observing Old Home Day.

7. To vote on the alterations and amendments to the constitution, proposed by the constitutional convention.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the erection of a soldiers' monument, and choose an agent or agents to expend the same.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-third day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and three.

JOHN C. RAMSDELL,	}	Selectmen of Chester.
FRANKLIN P. SHACKFORD,		
LEROY D. MORSE.		

A true copy of Warrant—Attest :

JOHN C. RAMSDELL,	}	Selectmen of Chester.
FRANKLIN P. SHACKFORD,		
LEROY D. MORSE.		

TOWN OFFICERS.

MODERATOR.—Nathan W. Goldsmith.

TOWN CLERK.—Cyrus F. Marston.

SELECTMEN.—JOHN C. Ramsdell, Franklin P. Shackford, Leroy D. Morse.

OVERSEER OF THE POOR.—Leroy D. Morse.

TOWN TREASURER.—George S. West.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.—George S. Webster.

SCHOOL BOARD.—John M. Webster, Lizzie S. Hooke, J. Wallace Chesbro.

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER.—John M. Webster.

REPRESENTATIVE.—Augustus P. Morse.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES.—James G. Robertson, Augustus P. Morse, Addison A. Bean.

CONSTABLES.—Walter I. Martin, Edwin P. Jones.

SUPERVISORS.—Cyrus F. Marston, Robert H. Hazelton, Martin Mills.

AUDITORS.—Cyrus F. Marston, Francis E. Robie, Charles H. Edwards.

HEALTH OFFICERS.—Cyrus F. Marston, J. Albert Hooke, Robert H. Hazelton.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1903.

VALUATION.

Resident real estate,	.	\$266,788 00
Non-resident real estate,	.	28,717 00
No. polls, 200,	.	20,000 00
No. horses, 236,	.	11,335 00
No. oxen, 16,	.	600 00
No. cows, 366,	.	8,817 00
No. other neat stock, 78,	.	1,270 00
No. sheep, 28,	.	86 00
Bank stock,	.	4,955 00
Money at interest,	.	2,700 00
Stock in trade,	.	15,016 00
Mills, machinery, etc.,	.	6,150 00
		\$366,434 00

APPROPRIATIONS.

State tax,	.	\$769 25
County tax,	.	1,454 72
Town tax,	.	1 00
Highway tax,	.	1,500 00
School tax, required by law,	.	1,086 00
School tax, additional by vote of district,	.	400 00

Books for public library,	.	\$100 00	
Librarian's salary and expenses,	.	50 00	
Memorial day,	.	50 00	
Old Home day,	.	50 00	
Overlay,	.	35 54	
			\$5,496 51
Rate per cent of taxation on \$100.,		\$1 50	
			\$1 50

AMOUNT OF SCHOOL MONEY.

Amount required by Law,	.	\$1,086 00	
Additional by vote of district,	.	400 00	
Literary fund,	.	69 36	
Balance of dog tax from 1901,	.	155 10	
			\$1,710 37

The Selectmen and Overseer of the Poor have given orders on the Town Treasurer for the payment of the following bills:

FOR REPAIRS ON HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

1902.

April	15,	paid George A. Cammett,	.	\$6 50
	26,	William N. Colby,	.	68 70
	30,	Charles H. Smith,	.	26 00
	30,	Charles H. Smith,	.	14 50
May	1,	George L. Fitz,	.	22 05
	8,	Samuel G. Healey,	.	63 15
	12,	James E. McCannon,	.	97 75
	12,	Samuel S. Warren,	.	26 87

May	19,	paid Austin J. Lane,	.	91 00
	19,	L. B. Jenkins & Co.,	.	
		drain pipe,	.	10 23
	31,	Clement H. Wells,	.	29 75
	31,	Elmer A. Sanborn,	.	18 75
June	31,	Walter I. Martin,	.	75 90
	10,	Samuel G. Healey,	.	31 65
	14,	George A. Cammett,	.	41 00
	14,	William T. Owens,	.	44 60
	26,	Charles H. Smith,	.	20 65
	26,	George L. Fitz,	.	21 25
	26,	William N. Colby,	.	40 60
	26,	Frank W. Warren,	.	32 82
	26,	Clement H. Wells,	.	22 05
			.	
July	1,	James E. McCannon,	.	15 05
	1,	Leon B. Richardson,	.	31 23
	8,	Charles H. Edwards,	.	10 25
	30,	Leon B. Richardson,	.	23 65
Aug.	4,	Clement H. Wells,	.	3 00
	5,	A. H. Wilcomb, freight	.	
		on drain pipe,	.	1 50
	27,	Elmer A. Sanborn,	.	18 00
	30,	Charles H. Smith,	.	12 25
	30,	L. B. Jenkins & Co.,	.	
		for drain pipe,	.	30 00
Sept.	22,	Walter I. Martin,	.	61 73
	22,	N. W. Goldsmith, bridge	.	
		plank,	.	23 33
Oct.	25,	Elmer A. Sanborn,	.	9 00
	25,	Samuel G. Healey,	.	4 50
	31,	Austin J. Lane,	.	20 65
	31,	Dale Brothers, for	.	
		bridge plank,	.	14 14

Nov.	6,	Samuel S. Warren, .	\$7 15
	13,	Thomas A. Lane & Co., for drain pipe, .	13 40
	29,	Charles H. Edwards, .	22 65
Dec.	1,	William T. Owens, .	35 40
	3,	Frank W. Warren, .	16 25
	6,	James E. McCannon, .	41 20
	6,	William N. Colby, .	40 36
	19,	George L. Fitz, .	4 49
	19,	Clement H. Wells, .	1 95
	22,	Walter I. Martin, .	14 20
	23,	Buzzell A. Follansbee, .	52 84
1903.			
Jan.	27,	Leon B. Richardson, .	3 50
Feb.	14,	Edward T. Morse, re- pairs on road ma- chine, .	2 75
	14,	Dale Bros., for bridge plank, .	2 18
			\$1,342 37

BREAKING ROADS.

1902.			
March	20,	paid Samuel G. Healey, .	\$5 32
April	15,	Samuel S. Warren, .	12 99
	15,	George W. Southwick, .	15 21
	15,	William N. Colby, .	18 65
	15,	J. C. Eastman, .	3 50
May	7,	Buzzell A. Follansbee, .	12 20
June	14,	William T. Owens, .	3 93
July	8,	Charles H. Edwards, .	1 35
Oct.	31,	Austin J. Lane, .	2 15
			\$75 30

SCHOOL MONEY.

1902.

June	10,	paid John M. Webster,	.	\$600 00	
Nov.	7,	John M. Webster,	.	700 00	
Dec.	23,	John M. Webster,	.	410 37	
					\$1,710 37

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

1903.

Feb.	14,	paid John M. Webster,	.	\$147 21	
					\$147 21

TUITION OF PUPILS AT SCHOOLS OUT OF
TOWN

1902.

July	21,	paid John M. Webster, for			
		tuition of pupils at			
		Pinkerton Academy,		\$75 00	

1903.

Feb.	14,	John M. Webster, for			
		tuition of pupils at			
		Sanborn seminary, .		25 00	
					\$100 00

EXPENSE OF TOWN HALL.

1902

Aug.	5,	paid A. H. Wilcomb for in-			
		sureing the Town			
		Hall for three years			
		ending August 1,			
		1905,		\$20 00	
					\$20 00

PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

1902.			
April	15,	paid Edson C Eastman, tax collector's book,	\$1 22
	23,	Charles Bartlett, printing town reports,	37 40
Dec.	5,	Edson C. Eastman, order book,	1 43
1903.			
Feb.	14,	Charles Bartlett, check lists,	4 80
			\$44 85

EXPENSE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

1902.			
Oct.	25	paid James G. Robertson for librarian's salary and expenses,	\$50 00
			\$50 00

BOOKS FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

1902.			
April	9,	paid James G. Robertson,	\$100 00
			\$100 00

CARE AND ATTENDANCE WITH HEARSE.

1903.			
Feb.	14,	paid Alonzo A. West for the following,	
1902.			
Feb.	25,	Calvin Griffin,	\$2 00
March	31,	Horace Anderson,	2 00

April	17,	Mrs. Amos Hooper,	\$2 00	
May	8,	Charles S. Johns,	2 00	
	13,	John W. Noyes,	2 00	
	14,	Mrs. George Wells,	2 00	
	24,	Mrs. Christian Pomp,	2 00	
	28,	Mrs. Arthur Underhill,	2 00	
July	8,	Miss Louise C. Wells,	2 00	
	10,	Amasa Cole,	2 00	
	22,	Mrs. Austin J. Lane,	2 00	
Aug.	21,	Mrs. Rebecca A. Stevens,	2 00	
	31,	Samuel S. Stevens,	2 00	
Oct.	10,	Mrs. Lewis Sanborn,	2 00	
	13,	Nathan B. Goldsmith,	2 00	
	25,	Nathan S. Morse,	2 00	
Nov.	6,	Mrs. Harriet Goldsmith,	2 00	
Dec.	4,	Mrs. Samuel Carr,	2 00	
	21,	Moses Greene,	2 00	
1903.				
Jan.	1,	Mrs. Eliza Robertson, .	2 00	
Feb.	13,	Sewall Worthley. .	2 00	
		One sponge, .	60	
				\$42 60

COLLECTING TAXES.

1903.

Feb.	2,	paid A. H. Wilcomb, for col- lecting balance of		
		. 1901 taxes, .	\$9 87	
	14,	George S. Webster, for collecting taxes on list of 1902, .	40 00	
				\$49 87

DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

1903.

Feb. 14, paid George S. Webster, for discount on taxes paid on or before Aug. 1, 1902, .	\$79 80	
		\$79 80

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1903.

Feb. 2, paid A. H. Wilcomb, on list of 1901, David Butterfield, un- able, .	\$4 73	
John F. McCannon, left town, .	1 35	
Myron Hills, left town,	1 35	
Charles R. Currier, paid in Raymond, .	1 35	
William A. Healey, left town, .	1 35	
John C. Morse, paid in Haverhill, .	1 35	
Feb. 14, paid George S. Webster, on 1902, Farish G. Lewis, horse died, .	75	
Charles S. Johns, died,	1 50	
Seth Lane, over sev- enty, .	1 50	
		\$15 23

RETURN OF MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

1903.

Feb.	14,	paid James G. Robertson, 4		
		marriages,	.	\$1 00
	14,	Ralph H. Barker, 9		
		births and 28 deaths,		9 25
				\$10 25

CARE OF CEMETERY.

1903.

Jan.	7,	paid Robert H. Hazelton,		\$11 23
				\$11.23

MEMORIAL DAY.

1902.

May	20,	paid Edward J. Robie,		\$50 00
				\$50 00

PUBLIC WATERING TROUGH.

1902.

Sept.	13,	paid Ebenezer Marden for		
		public watering		
		trough, 6 months,		\$1.50
				\$1.50

BOARD OF HEALTH.

1903

Feb.	14,	paid Cyrus F. Marston for		
		services,		\$14 25
	14,	Cyrus F. Marston for		
		expenses,	.	12 25

Feb.	14,	paid Ralph H. Barker, M.D., for professional ser- vices, .	7 50	
	14,	Ralph H. Barker, for expenses, .	3 79	
	14,	C. S. Wilcomb & Son, for groceries fur- nished Cole family,	21 05	
				\$58 84

EXPENSE OF RUNNING TOWN LINES.

1902.				
Dec.	24,	paid Franklin P. Shackford,	10 00	
	24,	John C. Ramsdell, .	10 00	
	24,	Leroy D. Morse, .	9 75	
				\$29 75

PETER MARRION CASE, ACCOUNT OF 1901.

1902.				
Aug.	16,	paid Charles H. West, wit- ness fees and ex- penses, .	2 50	
Sept.	13,	Charles J. Eastman, for witness fees and ser- vices as police offi- cer, .	9 50	
				12 00

OLD HOME DAY.

1902.				
Aug.	16,	paid George S. West, .	\$50 00	
				\$50 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

1902.

April	15,	paid David Cross for legal advice,	.	\$2 00
May	20,	Nathan W. Goldsmith, for services as moderator,	.	5 00
June	14,	Dana A. Weeks, for fighting fire,	.	1 95
	14,	John Weeks, for fighting fire,	.	1 50
	14,	Arthur Holman, fighting fire,	.	1 50
	26,	John T. Ramsey, interest on note,	.	20 00
Sept.	22,	Walter I. Martin, for services as constable,	.	4 00
Dec.	22,	W. R. C. for refreshments served election officers Nov. 4,	.	2 85

1903.

Feb.	14,	paid Edwin P. Jones for services as constable,	.	6 00
	14,	Walter I. Martin for services as constable,	.	2 00

 \$46 80

SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

1903.

Jan.	1,	paid J. Wallace Chesbro,	.	\$35 00
Feb.	14,	John M. Webster,	.	35 00
	14,	Mrs. Lizzie S. Hooke,	.	30 00
				\$100 00

SELECTMEN'S SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

1903.

Feb.	14, paid John C. Ramsdell,	.	\$62 00	
	14,	Franklin P. Shackford,	32 50	
	14,	Leroy D. Morse,	30 00	
				\$124 50

OVERSEER OF THE POOR, SERVICES AND
EXPENSES.

1903.

Feb.	14, paid Leroy D. Morse,	.	\$18 00	
				\$18 00

TOWN CLERK, SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

1903.

Feb.	14, paid Cyrus F. Marston,	.	\$21 50	
				\$21 50

TOWN TREASURER'S SALARY.

1903.

Feb.	14, paid George S. West,	.	\$25 00	
				\$25 00

INSPECTORS OF ELECTIONS.

1903.

Jan.	24, paid Elmer A. Sanborn,	.	\$2 00	
	24,	A. F. B. Edwards,	2 00	
	24,	A. H. Wilcomb,	2 00	
Feb.	14,	George S. Webster,	2 00	
				\$8 00

SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST.

1902.			
Dec.	11,	paid Cyrus F. Marston,	\$8 00
1903.			
Jan.	7,	Robert H. Hazelton,	8 00
	7,	Martin Mills,	8 00
			\$24 00

AUDITOR'S SERVICES.

1903.			
Feb.	21,	paid Cyrus F. Marston,	\$2 00
	21,	Francis E. Robie,	2 00
	21,	Charles H. Edwards,	2 00
			\$6 00

SELECTMEN'S AND AUDITOR'S EXPENSES.

1903.			
Feb.	21,	paid John C. Ramsdell,	\$5 00
			\$5 00

NOTICE.

All taxes assessed in the Town of Chester for the year 1902, not paid on or before the first day of April next, will be advertised and collected as the law directs.

GEORGE S. WEBTSEER, Collector.

Chester, N. H., Feb. 21, 1903.

OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

REPORT OF LEROY D. MORSE.

HIRAM S. DROWNS.

Paid John Senson for one granite tablet, .	\$70 00	
	<u> </u>	\$70 00

TRANSIENTS.

Paid C. H. Edwards for lodging three transients, . . .	\$1 50	
A. J. Merrill for lodging four tran- sients, . . .	2 00	
L. D. Morse for lodging three tran- sients, . . .	1 50	
	<u> </u>	\$5 00
Total amount for support of poor in town,		<u>\$75 00</u>

COUNTY PAUPERS.

ELIJAH STOCKWELL.

Paid Fanny West for board from Feb. 11, 1902, to Feb. 10, 1903, .	\$91 00	
C. S. Wilcomb & Son for goods fur- nished, . . .	4 80	
	<u> </u>	\$95 80

LUTHER MORSE.

Paid Fanny West, for board from Feb. 11,		
1902, to Feb 10, 1903,	\$91 00	
V. H. Moody, for clothing furnished,	5 50	
R. H. Barker, M. D., for professional		
services,	1 00	
		\$97 50

JAMES SHIRLEY.

Paid L. B. Richardson, for board from		
March 26 to April 23, 1902,	\$7 00	
		\$7 00

SAMUEL S. STEVENS.

Paid C. L. Drown, for care through sick-		
ness,	\$4 00	
W. I. Martin, for casket and ser-		
vices,	17 00	
Amos Sanborn, for digging grave,	2 00	
R. H. Barker, M. D., for medical at-		
tendance,	2 50	
		\$25 50

DAVID BUTTERFIELD.

Paid C. S. Wilcomb & Son, for goods fur-		
nished from March 25, 1902, to		
Feb. 3, 1903,	\$70 57	
Webster Bros., for goods furnished		
from Feb. 15 to March 7, 1902,	9 72	
R. H. Barker, M. D., for medical at-		
tendance from May 2, 1902, to		
Feb. 14, 1903,	35 00	
		\$115 29

Amount due from Rockingham County on account of 1901,	.	\$6 39	
			\$6 39
Collected of Rockingham County and paid Town Treasurer,	.	\$308 79	
Balance due from County,	.	38 69	
			\$347 48

LEROY D. MORSE,

Overseer of the Poor.

CHESTER, N. H., February 21, 1903.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Overseer of the Poor, for the year ending February 14, 1903, and find them correctly cast with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,	}	Auditors.
FRANCIS E. ROBIE,		
CHARLES H. EDWARDS,		

DR.

THE TOWN OF CHESTER IN ACCOUNT

1902-1903.

To discount on taxes paid on or before Aug. 1, 1902	\$ 79 80
To cash paid for printing and stationery.....	44 85
To cash paid for improvements on roads and bridges.....	1,342 37
To cash paid for breaking roads	75 30
To cash paid school district treasurer for schools.....	1,710 37
To cash paid for school books and supplies	147 21
To cash paid for Memorial Day expenses.....	50 00
To cash paid for collecting taxes.....	49 87
To cash paid for care and attendance with hearse.....	42 60
To cash paid for county tax	1,454 72
To cash paid for state tax	769 25
To cash paid for care of cemetery.....	11 23
To cash paid for return of marriages, births and deaths.....	10 25
To cash paid for miscellaneous bills.....	46 80
To cash paid for school board services and expenses.....	100 00
To cash paid for town clerk's services and expenses.....	21 50
To cash paid for town treasurer's salary.....	25 00
To cash paid for selectmen's services and expenses.....	124 50
To cash paid for board of health's services and expenses	58 84
To cash paid for overseer of poor's services and expenses	18 00
To cash paid for auditors' services.....	6 00
To cash paid for selectmen and auditors' expenses.....	5 00
To cash paid for support of poor.....	416 09
To cash paid Derry Bank note and interest.....	520 75
To cash paid for public library books.....	100 00
To cash paid for public library expenses.....	50 00
To cash paid for abatement of taxes.....	15 23
To cash paid for tuition of pupils at academies	100 00
To cash paid John T. Ramsey note and interest	513 32
To cash paid George S. Webster note and interest	456 75
To cash paid for insurance of town hall for three years	20 00
To cash paid for public watering troughs.....	1 50
To cash paid for expense of preambulating town lines	29 75
To cash paid for expense of Peter Marriion case.....	12 00
To cash paid for Old Home day celebration.....	50 00
To cash paid for supervisors of check-lists services.....	24 00
To cash paid for election inspectors services.....	8 00
To cash in treasury to balance.....	262 00

 \$8,772 85

WITH GEORGE S. WEST, TOWN TREASURER.

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1902.		
	By cash in the treasury, Feb. 20, 1902....	\$1,202 36
March	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1901	250 00
April	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1901	300 00
May	By cash of George S. Webster, on tax list of 1902	275 00
June	By cash of town clerk, for dog licenses, 1902	153 97
June	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1901	250 00
July	By cash of George S. Webster, on tax list of 1902....	1,015 00
Aug.	By cash of George S. Webster, on tax list of 1902....	1,247 81
Oct.	By cash of George S. Webster, on tax list of 1902	270 00
Nov.	By cash of George S. Webster, on tax list of 1902	294 00
Nov. 20	By cash hired of George S. Webster	450 00
Dec.	By cash of George S. Webster, on tax list of 1902	600 00
Dec.	By cash of state treasurer, railroad tax.....	18 40
Dec.	By cash of state, savings bank tax	1,102 50
Dec.	By cash of state, literary fund	84 00
Dec.	By cash of county for support of poor	308 79
Dec.	By cash of F. P. Shackford on H. S. Drowns account	1 33
1903.		
Jan.	By cash of George S. Webster, on tax list of 1902	330 00
Jan.	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, balance on tax list of 1901	166 54
Jan.	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, interest on taxes of 1901.	18 44
Jan.	By cash of J. W. Towle to redeem taxes of 1900.....	27 71
Feb.	By cash of George S. Webster, on tax list of 1902	377 00
Feb.	By cash of C. H. Kent for water pipe	3 00
Feb.	By cash of Chester Grange for rent of town hall	25 00

\$8,772 85

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

ASSETS.

Balance on tax list of 1902,	.	\$1087 70	
Balance in hands of treasurer,	.	262 00	
			\$1349 70

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN, FEB. 20, 1903.

Note of \$400 due Webster Brothers with interest annually at 4 per cent,	\$505 60	
Note of \$250 due C. H. Greene with interest annually at 4 per cent,	311 58	
Amount of Pressey legacy for reservoir with annual interest at 4 per cent from April 14, 1892, to Feb. 15, 1903,	303 73	
		\$1120 91
Balance in favor of the town,	.	\$228 79

GEORGE S. WEST, Treasurer.

CHESTER, N. H., Feb. 21, 1903.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of George S. West, Town Treasurer, and find them correctly cast with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,	} Auditors.
FRANCIS E. ROBIE,	
CHARLES H. EDWARDS,	

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

LIBRARIAN'S ACCOUNT.

Books added to the library in 1902,	.	.	80
Purchased with town money or fines,	.	.	71
Given,	.	.	9
Fiction,	.	.	59
Non-Fiction,	.	.	21
Number of books taken out during the year,	.		5205
Largest number taken out in one day, January 4, 1902,			106
Smallest number, June 4th,	.	.	13
Per cent of fiction read,	.	.	75
Per cent of non-fiction read,	.	.	25

DR.

Money received in fines,	.	\$4 57	
Balance on hand from 1901,	.	2 98	
			\$7 55

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Expended for books and needed supplies,	\$1 51	
Cash on hand to balance,	6 04	
		\$7 55

Gifts of books have been received during the year from Charles A. Wilcomb, Mrs. Amerige, Thomas W. Lawson, and the Christian Science Society of Chester. Lucy C. Bell donates the Youth's Companion, Rev. J. G. Robertson, the Outlook, and Mrs. Josephine Corning, the Christian Science Sentinel.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year,	.	.	\$18 64
From Twentieth Century Club,	.	.	1 14
From Mrs. Ira Lovering, book rebound,			1 50
From town of Chester,	.	.	150 00
			\$171 28

EXPENDITURES.

Geo. W. Southwick, one book,	.	.	\$3 00
Houghton, Miffln & Co., periodicals,	.	.	4 50
John Wanamaker, everybody's magazine,			1 00
DeWolfe, Fiske Co., books,	.	.	52 77
A. V. Fisher, 2 books,	.	.	2 50
Sewall Worthley, painting,	.	.	30
Mark Sanborn, work,	.	.	4 00
S. G. Gilman, one book,	.	.	50
Howard Fitts, janitor,	.	.	3 98
D. D. Cottrell, periodicals,	.	.	14 75
Insurance,	.	.	7 50
F. J. Barnard & Co., books rebound,	.	.	16 35
Laurana McKay, one book,	.	.	1 45
Monitor & Statesman Co., Granite			
Monthly 3 years,	.	.	4 50
Julia A. Lawrence, one book,	.	.	\$1 50
Congregational Sunday School and Pub-			
lication Society, books,	.	.	6 66
Isabelle H. Fitz, librarian's salary,	.	.	20 00
C. S. Wilcomb & Son, supplies,	.	.	68
Express and expenses,	.	.	2 98
Cash on hand to balance,	.	.	22 36
			\$171 28

JAMES G. ROBERTSON, Treasurer.

CHESTER, N. H., Feb. 21, 1903.

We certify that we have examined the accounts of the Trustees and Treasurer of the Free Public Library of Chester for the year past, and find them correctly cast with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,	}	Auditors.
FRANCIS E. ROBIE,		
CHARLES H. EDWARDS,		

The Library Trustees in the order of their expiration of office are as follows: James G. Robertson, Augustus P. Morse, Addison A. Bean.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

So far as the Board of Health has had any information there have been four cases of diphtheria in town the past year three of these were in the family of Wm. H. H. Cole, the mother and two children, and resulted in the death of the children.

The first information had of the disease in this family, was after the death of one of the children, Sept. 27.

The family were at once placed in quarantine and the child was buried on the following day, as soon as a casket could be procured.

It seems that the mother and this child were afflicted with the disease at the same time. They had no professional medical attendance.

At the time the quarantine was established, there were in the family, as visitors, a Mrs. Burke and four of her children. October 9 she violated the quarantine, and with her children, returned to her home in Everett, Mass. The health officers of that place were immediately notified of the fact. Meantime another young child of the Coles, who was absent at the time of the sickness of the other, had been brought home, and it contracted the disease, and died Oct. 18, it was buried in the evening of the same day.

Cultures were taken from each member of the family and sent to the Bacteriological Department of the State Board of Health as often as once a week, from Oct. 6 to Nov. 12, each

culture showing diphtheria bacilli until the last named date when it showed clear and the quarantine was removed.

After the first death, Mr. Cole informed us that they had fumigated the house with sulphur, but later, finding that the cultures showed the presence of the germs of the disease, the house was, by the advice of Dr. Watson, Secretary of the State Board of Health, very thoroughly disinfected with formaldehyde, six rooms and hall. Also after the death of the second child the house was again disinfected.

Just to what extent the fatalities in this family were due to lack of medical attendance it would be impossible to determine, but in case of a disease of so dangerous a character as diphtheria it should be the duty of every one to procure the best medical assistance obtainable, and as soon as possible; any failure to do so would seem, almost, like criminal negligence.

Attention is called to the following extract from the Public Statute:

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESTRICTION OF
COMMUNICABLE DISEASES.

Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives in general court convened :

SECTION 1. A physician called upon to attend a sick person, and who finds the cause of such sickness to be of a contagious or infectious character, and the general public likely to be endangered thereby, may quarantine such person's residence at once and report the fact to the board of health. Such quarantine shall continue in force until relieved or revoked by the board of health.

SECT. 2. Whenever any person knows or has reason to believe that any member of his family or household (boarder, roomer, or visitor) has either small-pox, diphtheria, membranous croup, scarlet fever, typhoid fever, measles, or any other malignant com-

municable disease, he shall, within twenty-four hours, if no physician is in attendance, give notice thereof to the local board of health of the town or city in which he resides, and such notice shall be given either verbally to one of the health officers, or by a communication addressed to the board of health and duly mailed within the time specified.

SECT. 7. No parent, guardian, person, or persons having the custody of any child shall permit such child, if infected with any communicable disease, or has been exposed to such, to attend any public or private school.

SECT. 8. It shall be the duty of a health officer or a representative of a local board of health, to attend a meeting of the state board of health, when requested by the latter, for consultation in the restriction and prevention of contagious and infectious diseases, or for the consideration of other important sanitary matters.

SECT. 9. Any person who knowingly violates any provision of this chapter, or any regulation established by authority of this chapter, shall be punished by a fine of ten dollars for each offense.

SECT. 10. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect upon its passage.

[Approved February 20, 1901.]

Also from Laws of 1899:

“Whenever any person or family is placed in quarantine by a board of health to protect the public against smallpox, scarlet fever, diphtheria, or other dangerous infectious or contagious disease, it shall be the duty of said board to assist such person or family while in quarantine, in such manner as in the judgment of the board may be deemed wise or necessary.”

J. ALBERT HOOK,	} Board
CYRUS F. MARSTON,	
ROBERT H. HAZELTON,	

CYRUS F. MARSTON, Secretary.

SCHOOL WARRANT.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

ROCKINGHAM, S.S.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Chetser School District, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Town Hall, in said town, Saturday, the fourteenth day of March, 1903, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a Clerk.
3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer.
5. To hear reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
6. To see if the District will vote raise and appropriate a sum of money for the support of schools in addition to that required by law.
7. To see what the district will do in regard to repairing, furnishing and improving the school buildings, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for that purpose.
8. To see if the District will vote sell the No. 6 (Towle) school house.

9. To see if the District will vote to buy a piece of land near Ebenezer Marden's and move the No. 8 (Knowles) school house thereon, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for repairs and additions on the same.

10. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

11. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Chester, this twentieth day of February, 1903.

J. WALLACE CHESBRO,	}	School Board
JOHN M. WEBSTER,		of
LIZZIE S. HOOKE,		Chester.

A true copy of warrant attest:

J. WALLACE CHESBRO,	}	School Board
JOHN M. WEBSTER,		of
LIZZIE S. HOOKE,		Chester

SCHOOL REPORT.

It has been the endeavor of the committee for the past year to make the schools equal to those of neighboring towns of about the same population and valuation, and superior if possible. In this we believe we have succeeded fairly well.

All the schools have been in session twenty-nine weeks, and care has been taken to furnish everything possible that was necessary for the mental advancement and physical comfort of the pupils.

A larger amount of repairs have been necessary than we had at first considered. The school house at Walnut Hill having to be entirely reshingled.

The adoption of some new books we believe has added to the efficiency of our schools. "Morton's" new geography has displaced the old "Frye" and arrangements are being made to provide a new set of "Progressive Readers" in place of the worn out "Stepping Stones to Literature." Apropos with the mention of new books, it might be well to say that a little instruction at home in regard to the care of school books would not come amiss. Carelessness in this matter means a loss to the school treasury every time.

The registers in some schools show too large a number of absences and excuses. While such things may be necessary occasionally, every parent should know that no teacher can secure the best development in a scholar who is not in regular attendance at all classes.

We deplore the number of changes in teachers that have been necessary during the past year, but it is hard to secure and hold the most desirable quality of a teacher at the prices we can pay. But yet we believe that the teachers of the past year have conscientiously tried to do their best, and the children under their instruction—in many instances—have made rapid progress in their studies.

Respectfully submitted,

J. WALLACE CHESBRO.

ROLL OF HONOR.

FIRST DIVISION, NO. 1 SCHOOL.

Leroy S. Woodward, †	Mildred M. Fitts, *
Mildred E. Green, *	Laura R. Lane,
Ruth N. Webster, *	Marie E. Thayer, †
Paul Barndollar,	Howard Woodward,
Lena Webster, †	Elsie Shackford,
Alice Wilcomb,	

SECOND DIVISION.

Earle Hazelton,	Philip Hazelton,
Edith Hazelton, †	Blanche Webster, *
Ralph Forsaith,	James M. Forsaith,
Lester Mitchell,	Margaret Johns,

NO. 2. SOUTH ROAD.

Holly Purinton,	Lena M. Wood,
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NO. 3. BRICK.

Olive B. Robie,	Julia E. Tucker,
Joseph F. Edwards, †	Lena M. Rand, †
Adell A. Rand,	

NO. 5. NORTH CHESTER.

Grace M. Dolber, *	Evelyn M. Holland, *
Florence A. Holland, †	Bernice M. Maxwell, †
Maud B. Parker, *	Nellie W. Parker, *
Allen J. Parker,	Gladys O. Dwyer,
Alice B. Maxwell,	Willie A. Holland,
Everett R. Haselton,	

NO. 6. TOWLE.

Verna E. Drowne,	Fred E. Drowne,
Joseph Hatch,	Percy S. Stowe,
Inez L. Stowe, †	Hazel I. Stowe, †

NO. 7. WALNUT HILL.

Olive S. Buzzell, †	Hayford Kimball,
Frank C. Warren,	Ruth Kimball,

* Three terms perfect.

† Two terms perfect.

EXPENDITURES.

PAID FOR TEACHING.

1902.

June	20, Adelaide M. Turner,	.	\$99 00
	20, Grace E. Marden,	.	88 00
	20, Martha L. Coolidge,	.	66 00
	20, Mary E. Chesbro,	.	77 00
	27, Eva L. Rollins,	.	72 00
	27, Susie M. Gillingham,	.	78 00
	27, M. Genevieve Sargeant,	.	84 00
Nov.	20, Adelaide M. Turner,	.	99 00
	20, Sarah L. Pike,	.	90 00
	20, Martha L. Coolidge,	.	75 00
	20, Cora K. Seavey,	.	90 00

Nov.	20, Eva L. Rollins,	.	\$72 00
	20, Susie M. Gillingham,	.	78 00
	20, Blanche E. McCrillis,	.	71 50
Dec.	24, Susie M. Gillingham,	.	32 50
	24, Eva L. Rollins,	.	30 00

1903.

Jan.	9, Cora K. Seavey,	.	45 00
	9, Martha L. Coolidge,	.	37 50
	9, Sarah L. Pike,	.	45 00
	9, Anna L. Hazelton,	.	48 00
	16, Adelaide M. Turner,	.	63 00

 \$1440 50

FUEL ACCOUNT.

1902.

Paid Martin Mills,	.	\$8 75
W. P. W. Whittemore,	.	11 50
John Wason,	.	4 00
Augustus P. Morse,	.	9 52

1903.

Paid Charles H. Edwards,	.	12 00
Charles H. Greene,	.	4 00
George H. Dane,	.	12 38
Garland Smith,	.	8 25
Leroy S. Woodward,	.	6 00

 \$76 40

JANITOR'S SERVICE.

1902.

Paid Frank C. Warren,	.	\$2 00
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1903.

Paid Joseph Hatch,	.	1 25
Howard B. Fitts,	.	4 25
Harry C. Edwards,	.	1 50

 \$9 00

CONVEYING PUPILS.

1992.		
Paid Carolyn M. Lane,	.	\$58 00
1903.		
Paid J. F. Burdett,	.	12 00
		\$70 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

1902.		
Paid Mrs. B. A. Follansbee,	.	\$2 00
B. A. Follansbee,	.	1 00
Ella B. Drown	.	2 00
Mrs. Rufus Abbott,	.	1 25
Fanny M. West,	.	11 00
Head & Dowst Co.,	.	34 70
Franklin P. Shackford,	.	11 75
Tom Brown,	.	8 00
Charles Bartlett,	.	1 50
1903.		
Paid George L. Fitts,	.	1 00
John M. Webster,	.	7 05
Lizzie S. Hooke,	.	5 00
Express and freight bills,	.	5 00
		\$91 25

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

1902.		
Paid F. G. Lewis,	.	\$9 34
C. O. Morse,	.	13 87
J. G. Hall,	.	2 23

1903.

Paid Wm. P. Nichols,	.	.	\$7 75	
G. H. Dane,	.	.	1 25	
Webster Bros.,	.	.	2 02	
C. F. Marston,	.	.	60	
				\$37 06

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Paid American Book Co.,	.	.	\$5 60	
C. E. Brewster Co.,	.	.	6 00	
T. R. Shewell & Co.,	.	.	8 16	
Webster Bros.,	.	.	10 04	
Benjamin H. Sanborn & Co.,	.	.	10 10	
Edward E. Babb & Co.,	.	.	10 70	
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	.	.	17 09	
Boston School Supply Co.,	.	.	79 52	
				\$147 21

CREDIT.

Received from town,	.	.	\$147 21
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SCHOLARS ATTENDING PINKERTON ACADEMY.

Paid F. J. Shepard, Treasurer,

1902.

Winter, Ethel M. Greene,	.	.	\$6 00
Maud R. Rand,	.	.	6 00
Laura B. Robinson,	.	.	6 00
Carrie A. Underhill,	.	.	6 00
Marion C. Webster,	.	.	6 00
Harris M. West,	.	.	6 00
Bessie L. Wray,	.	.	6 00

Spring, Ethel M. Greene,	.	\$6 00	
Maud R. Rand,	.	6 00	
Laura B. Robinson,	.	6 00	
Carrie A. Underhill,	.	6 00	
Marion C. Webster,	.	6 00	
Bessie L. Wray,	.	6 00	
			\$78 00

SCHOLARS ATTENDING SANBORN SEMINARY.

Paid Amos C. Chase, Treasurer,
1902.

Fall, Laura R. Lane,	.	\$5 00	
Margaret A. West,	.	5 00	
Sewell F. Tenney,	.	5 00	
Winter, Laura R. Lane,	.	5 00	
Sewall F. Tenney,	.	5 00	
			\$25 00
			\$103 00

CREDIT.

Received from the town,	.	\$103 00
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CHESTER, N. H., February 21, 1903.

We certify that we have examined the accounts of the School Board of Chester for the past year, and find them correctly cast, with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,	}	Auditors.
FRANCIS E. ROBIE,		
CHARLES H. EDWARDS,		

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT.

SCHOOL MONEY RECEIVED.

Balance from last year,	.	.	\$60 59	
Received from Town of Chester,	.	.	\$1710 37	
Received from O. M. Lovering,	.	.	25	
			————	\$1771 21

EXPENDITURES.

Paid teachers' salaries,	.	.	\$1440 50	
conveying pupils,	.	.	70 00	
Fuel and janitors,	.	.	85 40	
Miscellaneous bills,	.	.	91 25	
Cash on hand to balance,	.	.	84 06	
			————	\$1771 21

EXPENDITURES ON SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Paid bills for repairs,	.	.	\$37 06	
			————	\$37 06

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year,	.	.	\$37 06	
			————	\$37 06

Respectfully Submitted,
JOHN M. WEBSTER, District Treasurer.

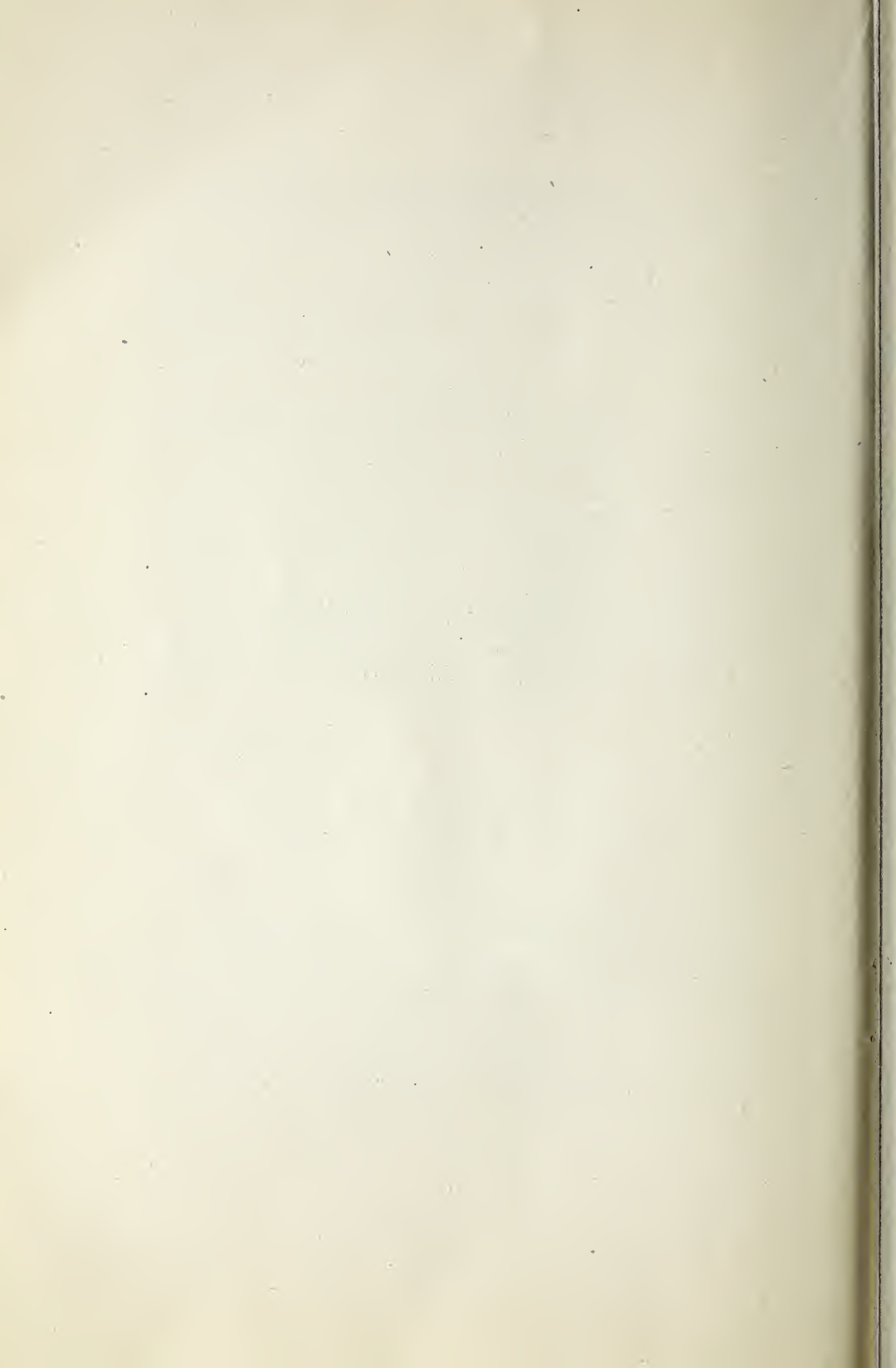
CHESTER, N. H., Feb. 21st, 1903.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of John M. Webster, Treasurer of the School District of the Town of Chester for the year past and find them correctly cast with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,	} Auditors.
FRANCIS F. ROBIE,	
CHARLES H. EDWARDS,	

SCHOOL TABLE.

No. of School.	TERMS.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	No. of Weeks	Whole No. of Pupils.	No. of Pupils in												
					Reading	Spelling	Writing	Arithmetic	Geography	Grammar	History	Composition.	Drawing.	Vocal Music	Physiology	Book-keeping	Algebra
1 Div.	Spring . .	Adelaide M. Turner	11	25	25	25	25	25	22	24	20	24	25	25	25	4	2
	Fall. . . .	Adelaide M. Turner	11	25	25	25	25	25	25	24	25	25	25	25	25	..	..
	Winter. . .	Adelaide M. Turner	7	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	..	..
2 Div.	Spring . . .	Grace E. Marden	11	32	32	32	32	28	20	19	7	7	..	..	..	..	..
	Fall. . . .	Sarah L. Pike	12	37	37	37	37	37	19	12	5	12	37	37	..	..	..
	Winter. . .	Sarah L. Pike	6	34	34	34	34	34	19	11	5	11	34	34	..	..	..
2	Spring . . .	Martha L. Coolidge	11	17	17	17	7	8	5	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Fall. . . .	Martha L. Coolidge	12	13	13	13	12	6	5	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Winter. . .	Martha L. Coolidge	6	13	13	13	12	7	5	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
3	Spring . . .	Mary E. Chesbro	11	23	23	23	21	22	14	4	7	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Fall. . . .	Cora K. Seavey	12	21	21	21	21	21	15	10	10	21	21	21	21	..	..
	Winter. . .	Cora K. Seavey	6	17	17	17	17	17	10	10	8	17	17	17	17	..	..
5	Spring . . .	Eva L. Rollins	12	15	15	15	15	15	13	7	7	11	..	..	3	..	..
	Fall. . . .	Eva L. Rollins	12	17	17	17	17	17	15	15	6	11	..	..	2	1	..
	Winter. . .	Eva L. Rollins	5	15	15	15	14	12	12	12	6	10	..	..	..	..	..
6	Spring . . .	Susie H. Gillingham	12	16	16	16	16	11	11	7	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Fall. . . .	Susie H. Gillingham	12	16	16	16	16	11	11	7	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Winter . .	Susie H. Gillingham	5	16	16	16	16	11	11	7	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
7	Spring . . .	M. Genevieve Sargeant	12	14	14	14	13	10	8	8	5	..	13	..	..	..	..
	Fall. . . .	Blanche McCrillis	11	13	13	13	10	10	9	10	4	..	13	..	..	..	..
	Winter. . .	Anna L. Hazelton	6	13	13	13	13	13	7	9	8	7	..	13	..	..	..



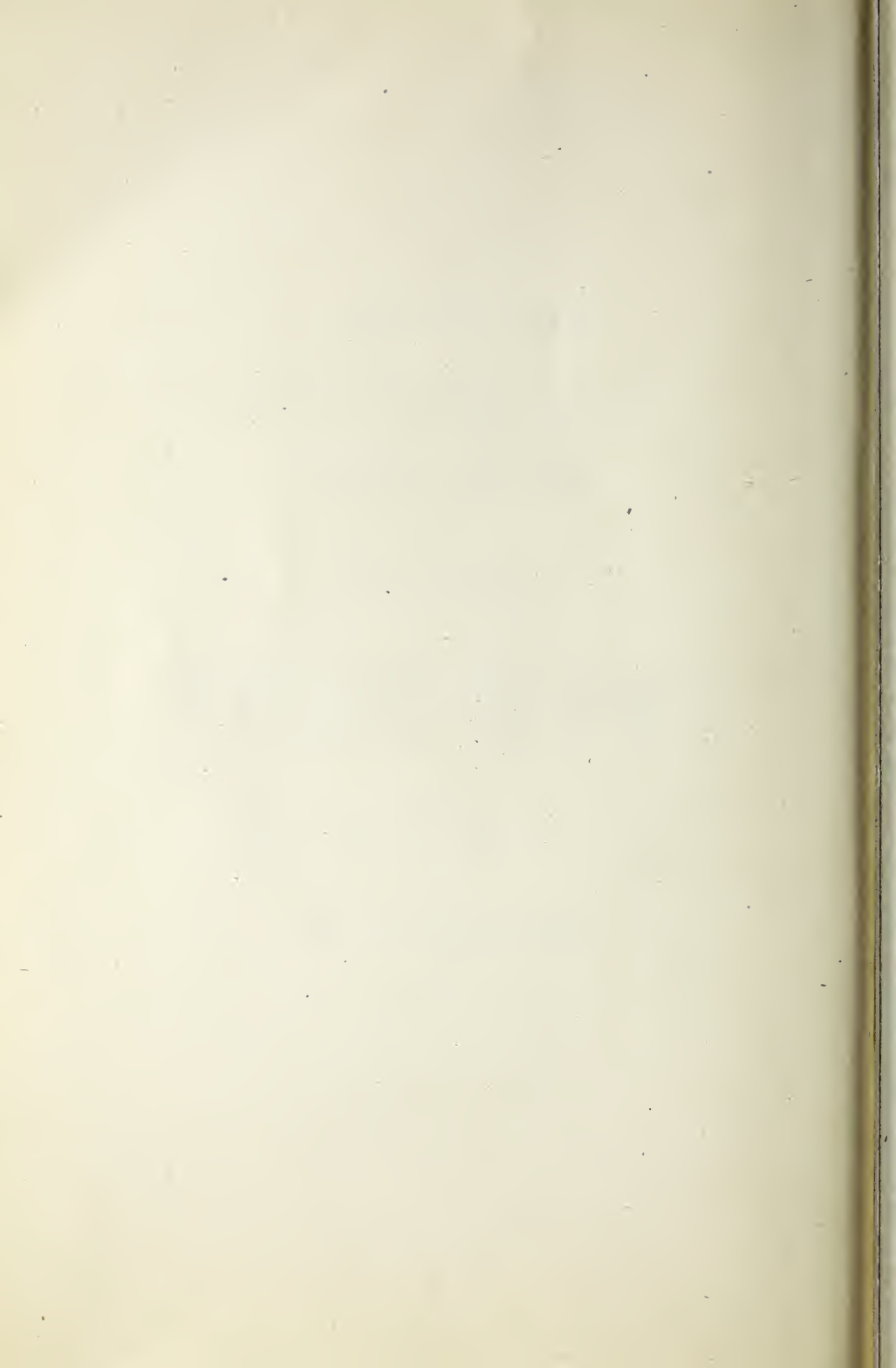
BIRTHS,
MARRIAGES,
DEATHS,

REGISTERED IN THE

TOWN OF CHESTER,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1902.



Births Registered in the Town of Chester, for the Year Ending December 31, 1902.

Date of Birth	Place of Birth.	Name of the Child (if any.)	Sex & Con			Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
			Male or Female	Living or Stillb	No. of Child.						
Mar. 18	Chester...	—	m	1	4 w	John E. Kimball ...	Vina M. Richardson ...	Chester	Chester	43	35
Apr. 25	"	—	m	1	3 w	William F. Warren...	Emma A. Currier ...	Hudson	"	47	33
June 1	"	Elorence Rose	f	1	4 w	Charles S. Johns ...	Carrie Furbush Johns ...	St. Johns, N. B.	Elliott, Me.	53	43
Aug. 7	"	Blanche Marion F.	f	1	4 w	Charles H. Smith ...	May Lizzie French ...	Derry	Chester	36	26
Aug. 7	"	—	m	1	6 w	Allen L. Knight ...	Mary A. Weston ...	Chester, Vt.	England	42	40
Sept. 13	"	Rolland Arthur	m	1	3 w	William P. Nichols ...	Mary A. Dale ...	Chester	Chester	44	39
Oct. 4	"	Pauline Woodworth..	f	1	1 w	James G. Robertson..	Fannie M. Hall ...	Jackson, N. Y.	Manchester	41	39
Nov. 10	"	Byron Douglas	m	1	3 w	A. Dana Weeks ...	Emily S. Smith ...	"	Auburn	37	27
Nov. 10	"	Ralph Parker	m	1	4 w	Martin Mills ...	Annie L. Dale ...	"	Boxford, Mass.	39	27
Nov. 28	"	Everett Morse	m	1	2 w	George A. Freeman...	Frances E. Parker ...	Natick, Mass.	South Framingham.	29	23
Dec. 14	"	—	f	s	1 w	Oscar M. Lovering...	Ira Grace Morse ...	Chester	Derry	25	27
						George Smith	Emma Gagnon	"	Salem	22	20

Marriages Registered in the Town of Chester, for the Year Ending December 31, 1902.

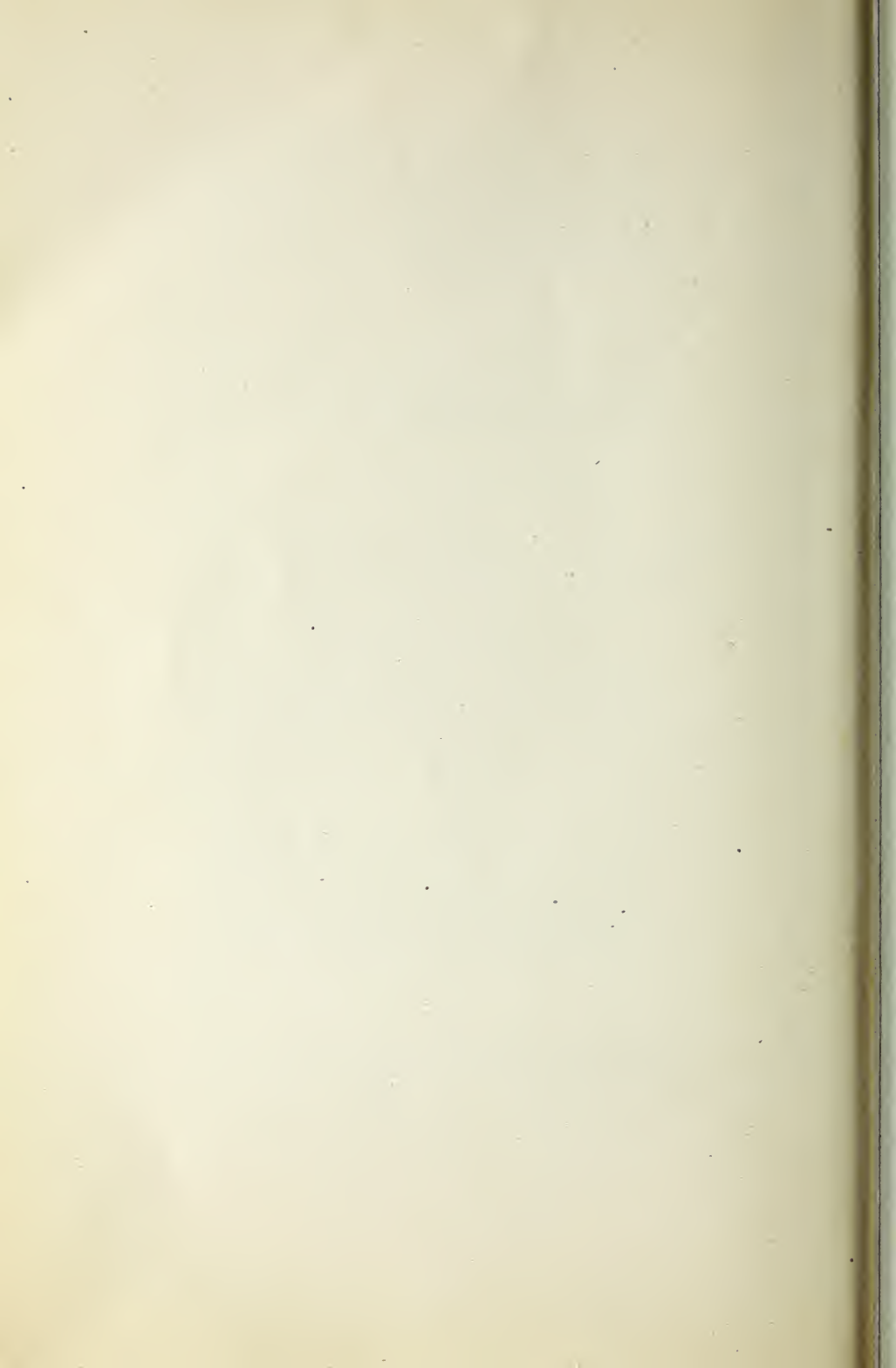
Date.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Bride and Groom.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age of each	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each.	Names of Parents.	Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by whom married.
Jan. 1	Derry	Orlando M. Tenney	Chester	56 w	Farmer	Chester	William Tenney Emeline J. Murray	2	Jesse G. McMurphy, Epis. Clergyman.
		Harriette E. Drake	Derry	46 w	Dress-maker	Leverett, Mass	E. Dwight Graves Emeline H. Whitney	2	Derry.
Jan. 29	Cambridge, Mass	Ralph H. Barker	Chester	29 w	Physician	Candia	George W. Barker Clara A. Bell	1	George W. Bicknell, Clergyman, Cambridge, Mass.
June 5	Raymond	Blanche A. Hayes	Cambridge, Mass.	28 w	Physician	Groveton	Horace A. Hayes Lacy A. Fellows	1	Wesley J. Wilkins, Clergyman, Raymond.
		Charles Hanscom	Chester	29 w	Shoe-maker	Stonham, Mass	Mark Hanscom Eliza M. Proctor	1	James G. Robertson, Clergyman, Chester.
Sept. 11	Chester	Minnie R. Rollins	Raymond	34 w	Shoe-maker	Lowell, Mass.	Sherborn J. Rollins Mary F. Melien	1	James G. Robertson, Clergyman, Chester.
		Leroy D. Morse	Chester	23 w	Farmer	Chester	Augustus P. Morse Abbie M. Dinmore	1	James G. Robertson, Clergyman, Chester.
Oct. 20	Chester	Laura B. Robinson	Chester	20 w	—	Hornellsville, N. Y.	Flora Foster Charles P. Robinson	1	James G. Robertson, Clergyman, Chester.
		Guy H. Braunen	Boston, Mass.	36 w	Collector	—	Weston Braunen Margaret Brackett	1	Albert E. Hall, Clergyman, Auburn.
Nov. 27	Auburn	Ora Amanda Allen	Chester	33 w	—	Wells, Me	Thomas J. Allen L. Eleanor Walton	1	
		Albert F. Healey	Chester	23 w	Laborer	Chester	Samuel G. Healey Melissa A. Place	1	
		B. Pearl Preston	Auburn	18 w	—	Auburn	James R. Preston Jessie F. Emery	1	

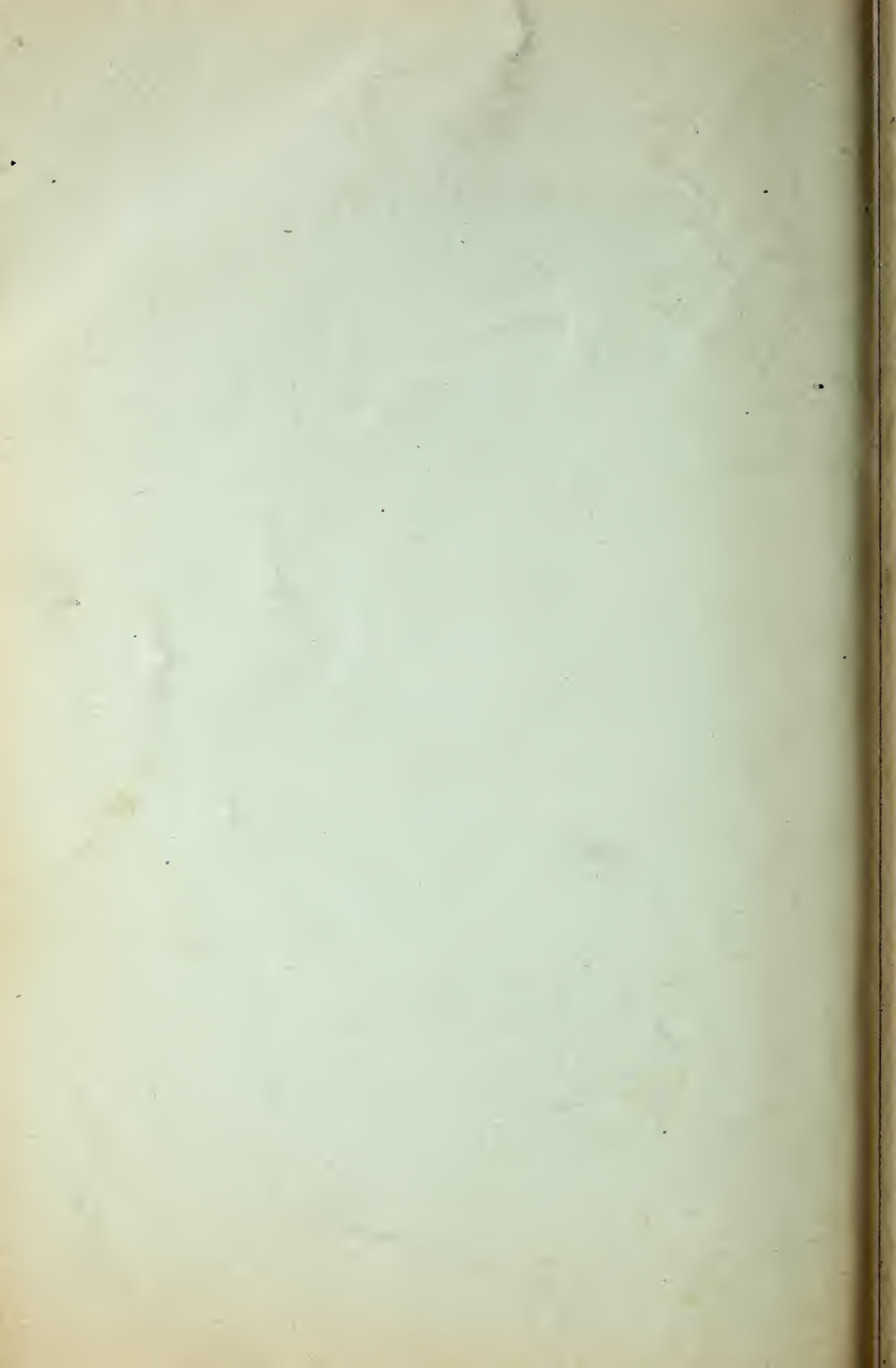
Deaths Registered in the Town of Chester, for the Year Ending December 31, 1902.

Date.	Place of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex Con.			Occupation.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
			Year.	Month.	Day.		Sex.	Color.	Single, etc.			
Jan. 21	Chester	Susan D. Orcutt	84	10	15	Chester	f	w	—	—	Thomas Hazelton	Elizabeth Sanborn
Jan. 28	"	William Henry West	5	27	Raymond	Chester	m	w	s	—	William Hervey West	Iola May Spinnay
Feb. 30	"	Helen A. F. Cochrane	77	11	29	Chester	f	w	s	—	Daniel French	Sarah W. Plagg
Feb. 6	"	Edwin Jones	75	4	28	Stratford	m	w	s	Farmer	Edmond Jones	Betsy Hill
Feb. 22	"	Calvin Griffin	51	8	18	Longdenry	m	w	s	Laborer	Fredrick Griffin	Ellen Boice
Mar. 20	"	George W. Dean	60	5	9	Wilmington	m	w	m	Caprauter	Michael Dean	Nancy
Mar. 28	"	Horace Anderson	72	6	20	Acworth	m	w	m	Salesman	Samuel Anderson	June Campbell
Apr. 14	"	Elizabeth Hooper	72	4	—	England	f	w	m	Shoeforman	John Noyes	—
May 4	"	Charles S. Johns	53	—	—	St. Johns, N. B.	m	w	m	—	William Johns	Mary Smith
May 9	"	John W. Noyes	92	3	25	Springfield	m	w	m	Bank Prest.	Daniel Noyes	Nancy Weare
May 10	"	Sarah A. Wells	84	8	15	Williamsto	f	w	w	—	Samuel Adams	Fidella Esterbrook
May 22	"	Margaret Poup	82	2	23	Germany	f	w	w	—	Andrew Smith	—
May 25	"	Eva M. Underhill	53	—	—	Boston, Mass.	f	w	m	—	James Ray	Sarah E. Leavitt
June 18	"	Henry M. Howe	73	10	—	—	m	w	m	Farmer	—	—
July 3	"	Caroline Warren Kendall	84	7	2	Newburyport	f	w	w	—	Samuel Treat	Mary E. Warren
July 5	"	Louisa C. Wells	81	—	21	Andover	f	w	w	—	Josiah Ingalls	Oliver Sanborn
July 6	"	Erasmus Cole	75	6	14	N. Y.	m	w	w	—	Joseph Cole	Achiah Pearl
July 19	"	Mary Ida Lane	43	10	13	Fremont	f	w	m	Gardener	John E. Dow	Mary Bean
Aug. 23	"	Jennie E. Sanford	79	7	16	Farmington, Ct.	f	w	w	—	Abram Clark	Millicent Washburn
Aug. 18	"	Rebecca Hooper Stevens	94	8	9	Charlestown	f	w	w	—	Nathaniel Hooper	—
Sept. 11	"	Samuel S. Stevens	92	—	—	Lebanon, Me.	m	w	w	Farmer	—	—
Sept. 27	"	Achiah P. Cole	71	11	—	Glorcester	f	w	s	—	William H. H. Cole	Helen F. Buckley
Oct. 7	"	Susan E. Spofford	71	11	—	Glorcester	f	w	w	—	Parsons	—
Oct. 8	"	Laura P. Sanborn	66	4	—	Morrisston, Vt.	f	w	w	—	Squire Hutchens	Amira Schofield
Oct. 10	"	Nathan B. Goldsmith	84	3	16	Andover, Mass.	m	w	m	Farmer	Isaac Goldsmith	Martina Burnham
Oct. 18	"	Viola P. Cole	1	3	22	Chester	f	w	s	—	William H. H. Cole	Helen F. Buckley
Nov. 23	"	Nathan S. Morse	72	6	23	Canaan	m	w	m	Farmer	Joseph Morse	Phebe West
Nov. 3	"	Harriet N. Goldsmith	76	11	14	Chester	f	w	m	—	Archibald McDuffee	Sarah Merrill
Nov. 28	"	Lydia Carr	81	7	1	Chester	f	w	w	—	Henry Hall	Lydia Marston
Dec. 2	"	Amos Sanborn	65	2	7	Fremont	m	w	m	Farmer	Ebenezer Sanborn	Susan P. Bean
Dec. 18	"	Moses Hill Green	75	9	—	Chester	m	w	m	—	Anos Green	Hannah Smith
Dec. 30	"	Eliza M. Robertson	83	8	14	Cambridge, N. Y.	f	w	w	Merchant	Eli Woodworth	Wealthy W. Gilbert

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to my best knowledge and belief.

CYRUS F. MARSTON, *Town Clerk.*





James G. Robertson

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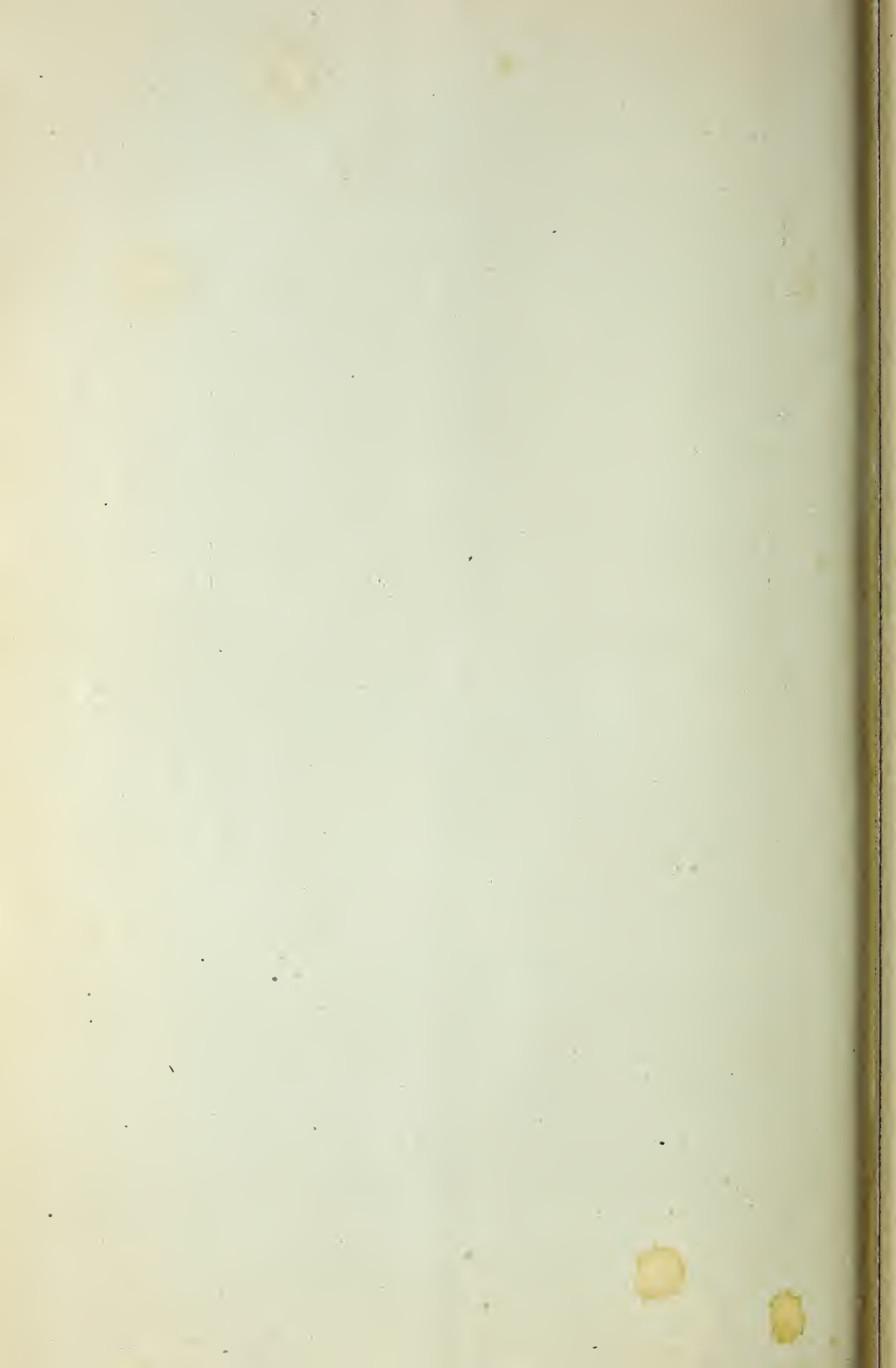
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FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 15, 1904.



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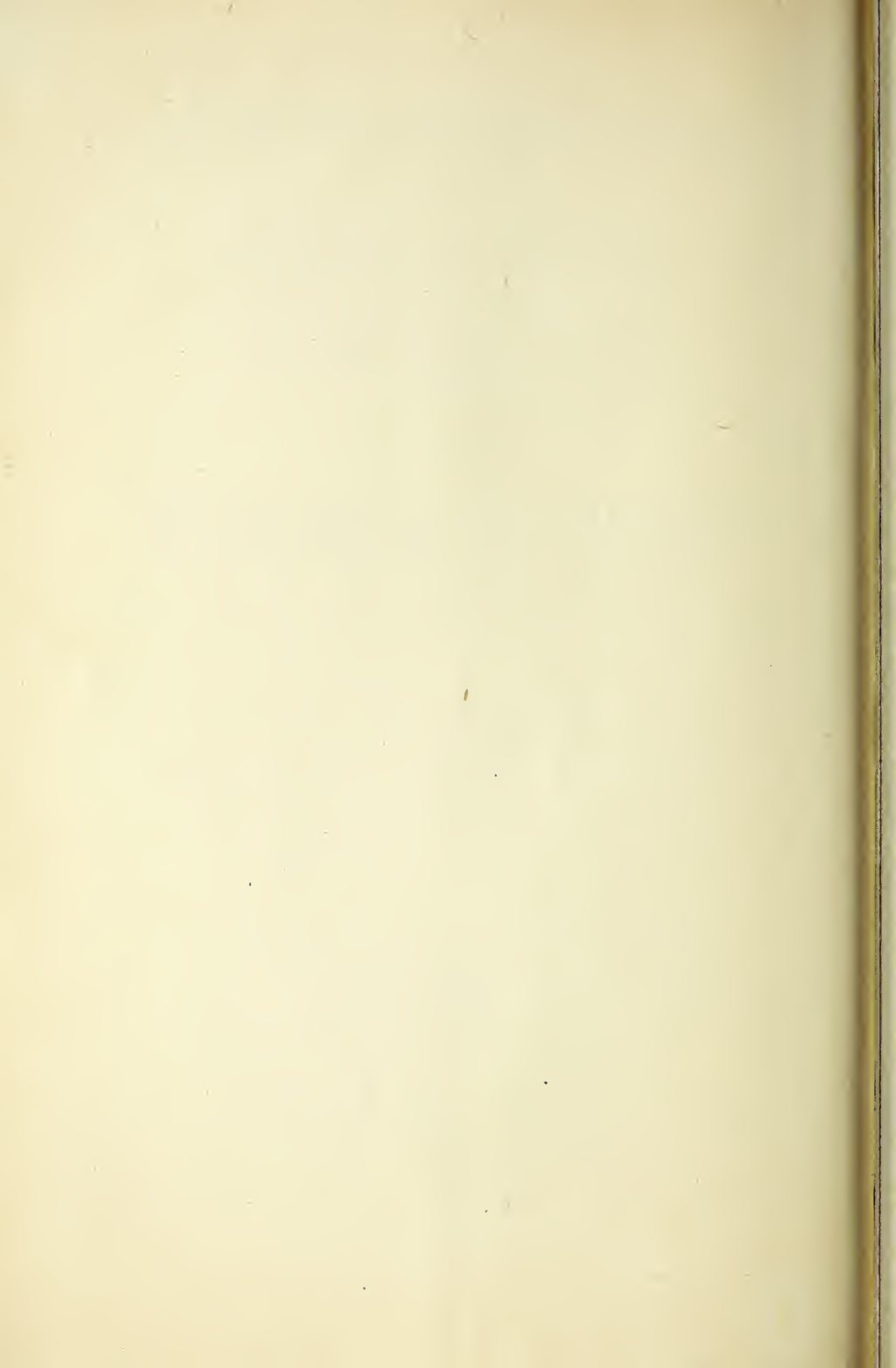
SELECTMEN, OVERSEER OF
THE POOR, TOWN TREAS-
URER, TOWN CLERK, SCHOOL
BOARD, LIBRARY TRUSTEES,
AND AUDITORS.

OF THE

TOWN OF CHESTER

For the year ending February 15, 1904.

DERRY, N. H.:
E. P. TROWBRIDGE,
PRINTER,
1904.



TOWN WARRANT.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,

ROCKINGHAM, S. S.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Chester qualified to vote
in town affairs :

[L. S.]

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said Town, on the Eighth day of March next at Ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects :

1. To choose all necessary town officers and agents for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of Schools, for the maintenance of the poor, for the laying out and repairing highways, and building and repairing bridges, for paying the town debt and defraying interest thereon, and for other necessary charges arising in said town.

3. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for salary of librarian, and defray running expenses of the Public Library.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money in addition to that required by law to purchase books for the Public Library.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the decoration of soldiers' graves.

7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to cause to be prepared a map of the highways in the town of Chester if called upon to do so by the State Engineer as per Session Laws 1903, Chap. 133.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of grading and putting in a decent condition the common near the Village cemetery, and also in front of the Town Hall and choose an agent or agents to expend the same.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray expenses of observing Old Home Day.

10. To see if the Town will accept—as trustee—a legacy given by the will of the late John W. Noyes, the income to be expended in the care of his family lot in the Village cemetery, and as provided in said bequest or any other bequest or legacy, to be used for a similar purpose.

11. To see if the Town will choose trustees or agents who shall have the care and supervision of the public cemeteries.

12. To see if the Town will purchase a road roller and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Given under our hands and seal this eighteenth day of February, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and four.

GEORGE S. WEST,	} Selectmen of Chester.
HERBERT L. CHASE,	
LEROY D. MORSE,	

A true copy, attest:

GEORGE S. WEST,	} Selectmen of Chester.
HERBERT L. CHASE,	
LEROY D. MORSE,	

TOWN OFFICERS.

MODERATOR.—Nathan W. Goldsmith.

TOWN CLERK.—Cyrus F. Marston.

SELECTMEN.—George S. West, Herbert L. Chase, Leroy D. Morse.

OVERSEER OF THE POOR.—Leroy D. Morse.

TOWN TREASURER.—Arthur H. Wilcomb.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.—George S. Webster.

SCHOOL BOARD.—John M. Webster, Lizzie S. Hooke, James G. Robertson.

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER.—John M. Webster.

REPRESENTATIVE.—Augustus P. Morse.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES.—James G. Robertson, Augustus P. Morse, Addison A. Bean.

CONSTABLES.—Edwin P. Jones, William N. Colby.

SUPERVISORS.—James E. McCannon, Edwin P. Jones, William N. Colby.

AUDITORS.—Cyrus F. Marston, John C. Ramsdell, Franklin P. Shackford.

HEALTH OFFICERS.—Cyrus F. Marston, Robert H. Hazelton, Walter I. Martin.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1904.

VALUATION.

Resident real estate, . . .	\$268,572 00
Non-resident real estate, . . .	29,702 00
Number polls, 207, . . .	20,700 00
Number horses, 222, . . .	11,250 00
Number oxen, 14, . . .	620 00
Number cows, 359, . . .	9,252 00
Number other neat stock, 90, . . .	1,667 00
Number sheep, 25, . . .	76 00
Bank stock, . . .	4,742 00
Money at interest, . . .	3,000 00
Stock in trade, . . .	20,088 00
Mills, machinery, etc., . . .	4,900 00
	\$374,569 00

APPROPRIATIONS.

State tax, . . .	\$769 25
County tax, . . .	1448 18
Town tax, . . .	1 00
Highway tax, . . .	1200 00
School tax required by law, . . .	1086 00
School tax additional by vote of district, . . .	300 00
School house repairs, . . .	200 00
Books for public library, . . .	100 00

Librarian's salary and expenses,	.	\$50 00	
Memorial day,	.	50 00	
For soldier's monument,	.	800 00	
Overlay,	.	172 60	
Tax omitted and added,	.	15 57	
			\$6192 60
Rate per cent of taxation on \$100,	.	\$1.65	
			\$1 65

AMOUNT OF SCHOOL MONEY.

Amount required by law,	.	\$1086.00	
Additional by vote of district,	.	300 00	
Literary fund,	.	84 00	
Balance of dog tax from 1902,	.	155 97	
			\$1625 97

The Selectmen and Overseer of the Poor have given orders on the Town Treasurer for the payment of the following bills :

FOR REPAIRS ON HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

1903.

April 21,	paid Elmer A. Sanborn,	.	\$ 3 78
May 6,	Charles H. Smith,	.	2 75
22,	Samuel G. Healey,	.	13 25
28,	B. A. Follansbee,	.	3 05
June 16,	Austin J. Lane,	.	76 10
18,	Samuel G. Healey,	.	33 40
19,	Nathan W. Goldsmith,	.	13 00
27,	Walter I. Martin,	.	48 89
29,	Samuel S. Morse,	.	25 00
29,	Arthur E. Hills,	.	38 10
30,	Samuel G. Healey,	.	34 50

July	1,	William N. Colby,	.	\$74 83
	2,	James E. McCannon,	.	119 35
	2,	Arthur E. Hills,	.	15 60
	2,	Elmer A. Sanborn	.	34 79
	18,	Nathan W. Goldsmith,	.	21 25
	20,	Samuel S. Morse,	.	30 35
	21,	Charles H. Edwards,	.	55 24
	29,	Leon B. Richardson,	.	8 50
Aug.	1,	William T. Owen,	.	88 41
	29,	George A. Cammett,	.	41 29
Sept.	4,	Walter I. Martin,	.	130 62
	11,	Samuel G. Healey,	.	4 57
	22,	Samuel S. Morse,	.	35 10
	28,	Nathan W. Goldsmith,	.	36 75
	29,	Leon B. Richardson,	.	61 95
	30,	James E. McCannon,	.	156 50
Oct.	3,	Samuel S. Warren,	.	58 64
	17,	Arthur E. Hills,	.	41 50
	17,	William T. Owen,	.	11 52
Nov.	3,	Elmer A. Sanborn,	.	9 95
	9,	B. A. Follansbee,	.	26 20
	26,	Austin J. Lane,	.	20 40
	26,	Samuel S. Morse,	.	7 50
Dec.	3,	Charles F. True, for plank,	.	2 23
	11,	Nathan W. Goldsmith for		
		plank,	.	48 64
	26,	Walter I. Martin,	.	6 50
	26,	Elmer A. Sanborn,	.	2 50
1904.				
Jan.	2,	Samuel G. Healey,	.	1 50
Feb.	13,	Nathan W. Goldsmith,	.	7 35
	13,	William N. Colby,	.	6 00
	13,	B. A. Follansbee,	.	4 35
				\$1,461 70

BREAKING ROADS.

1903.

April 1,	paid James E. McCannon,	.	\$ 9 22
21,	Elmer A. Sanborn,	.	1 95
May, 28,	B. A. Folansbee,	.	3 55

1904.

Feb. 8,	William T. Owen,	.	10 74
11,	Elmer A. Sanborn,	.	13 35.
12,	Leon B. Richardson,	.	13 13
13.	Samuel S. Warren,	.	8 45
13,	Samuel G. Healey,	.	9 30
13.	Nathan W. Goldsmith,	.	24 40
	Walter I. Martin,	.	7 25
	William N. Colby,	.	17 14
	James E. McCannon,	.	13 48
	B. A. Follansbee,	.	16 40
	Austin J. Lane,	.	13 57
	Charles H. Edwards,	.	7 57
			————— \$ 169 50

SCHOOL MONEY.

1903.

Jan. 1,	paid John M. Webster,	.	\$ 600 00
9,	John M. Webster,	.	600 00

1904.

Jan. 5,	John M. Webster,	.	425 97
			————— \$ 1625 97

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

1904.

Feb. 18,	paid John M. Webster,	.	\$ 188 21
			————— \$188 21

TUITION OF PUPILS AT SCHOOLS OUT OF TOWN.

1903

July	6,	paid John M. Webster for tuition of pupils at Pinkerton academy,	\$114 00
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1904

Feb.	15,	paid John M. Webster for tuition of pupils at Sanborn seminary,	40 00
			\$154 00

MEMORIAL DAY.

1903

May	21,	paid Edward J. Robie,	\$50 00
			\$50 00

CARE AND ATTENDANCE WITH HEARSE.

1904

Feb.	13,	paid Alonzo A. West for the following:
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1903

Feb.	21,	Mrs. Hannah Hazelton,	\$2 00
	23,	Abel B. Parker,	2 00
Mar.	10,	Mrs. Ella Seavey,	2 00
	14,	Henry Mills,	2 00
	28,	Watts children,	2 00
May	29,	Mrs. Ebenezer Marden,	2 00
	31,	Moses Greene,	2 00
June	8,	David Butterfield,	2 00
	21,	Mrs. Betsey Marston,	2 00
Aug.	23,	George W. Weeks,	2 00
Sept.	25,	Mark Carr,	2 00
Oct.	14,	George W. Dolber,	2 00

Nov.	13,	Mrs. Rufus Abbott	.	\$ 2 00
Dec.	12,	William Rand,	.	2 00
	18,	Ivory J. Lovering,	.	2 00

1904

Jan.	6,	Mrs. Mary E. Webster,	.	2 00
	9,	Mrs. Amanda B. Allen,	.	2 00
	29,	Oren F. Page,	.	2 00
Feb.	2,	William M. Noyes,	.	2 00
	10,	Mrs Caroline Underhill,	.	2 00
	13,	Miss Rena Smith,	.	2 00
	13,	Mrs. Louise Berry,	.	2 00

 \$44 00

EXPENSE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

1903

Oct.	9,	paid James G. Robertson for librarian's salary and expenses,	.	\$50 00
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 \$50 00

BOOKS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY.

1903

April	9,	paid James G. Robertson,	\$100 00
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 \$100 00

EXPENSE OF TOWN HALL.

1903

July	1,	paid Mrs. Ida Smith, clean- ing hall, .	.	\$1 75
	2,	A. M. Lawrence, paint- ing, .	.	11 00
	20.	Edwin P. Jones, painting and papering, .	.	19 50

1904

Feb.	4,	C. S. Wilcomb & Son, paint, oil, etc., .	\$10 55	
	13,	J. J. Abbott, paper and border, .	2 12	
	13,	F. P. Shackford, mason work, .	90	
	13,	G. S. West, lumber, mor- tar and cleaning, .	1 00	
				\$46 82

PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

1903

Aug.	1,	paid Temple & Farrington Co., public statutes, .	\$6 00	
	20,	E. C. Eastman for col- lector's book and or- ders, .	3 17	

1904

Jan.	7,	C. Bartlett, printing town reports, etc., .	44 85	
Feb.	13,	George S. Webster for tax bills for 1902 and 1903, .	2 30	
				\$56 32

COLLECTING TAXES.

1904

Feb.	13,	paid George S. Webster in part on list of 1903, .	\$47 00	
	13,	George S. Webster, bal- ance of list of 1902, .	15 29	
				\$62 29

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DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

Feb.	13,	paid George S. Webster, for discount on taxes paid on or before Aug 1st,		
	1903,		\$96 24	
				\$96 24

RETURN OF MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

Feb.	12,	paid G. H. Beckley, 1 birth,		
		1 death, 1902,	\$0 50	
	13,	James G. Robertson, 3		
		marriages,	75	
	13,	R. H. Barker, 10 births,		
		21 deaths,	7 75	
				\$9 00

CARE OF CEMETERY.

1904

Feb.	13,	paid R. H. Hazelton,	\$12 05	
	13,	Garland Smith at North Chester,	5 00	
				\$17 05

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1903.

Dec.	14,	paid H. F. Morse abatement on F. A. Morse lot .	\$ 3 30	
	23,	F. G. Lewis poll tax of Francis B. Jones over 70 .	1 65	

1904.

Feb. 13,	George S. Webster for the following on list of 1902.	.	
	Earl C. Robinson, paid in Vermont,	.	\$1 50
	David Butterfield, un- able,	.	5 25
	Charles R. Currier, paid in Raymond,	.	1 50
	Clara Seward, left town,	.	2 77
			\$15 97

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

1903.

Sept. 17,	paid John M. Webster,	.	200 00
			\$200 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

May 13,	paid N. W. Goldsmith, mod- erators services,	.	5 00
May 21,	O. M. Lovering, damage by culvet,	.	10 00
July 20,	Edwin P. Jones, services as dog officer,	.	3 75
July 31,	Edwin P. Jones, police services, May 12, July 3 and 4,	.	3 00
Aug. 6,	W. I. Martin, funeral services of the chil- dren of W. H. H. Cole, Sept. and Oct. 1902,	.	32 00

Aug. 26,	W.A. Healey, for gravel bank. .	\$10 00
Dec. 14.	J. Hadlock for road machine edge. .	8 50
14.	W. N. Colby, police service May 12, July 3 and 4 .	3 00
26	Cyrus F. Marston, for town clerk's services town meeting day as voted by town. .	5 00

1904.

Feb. 4,	Arthur H. Wilcomb. insurance on town clock. .	7 00
4.	C. S. Wilcomb & Son for spikes and 2 lanterns, .	1 20
11.	Ranno, Sadderly Co.. Hearse Harnesses. .	54 00
13.	W. N. Colby, constable service at home of Florence Carr. .	3 00
13.	Ralph H. Baker, pro- fessional services on family of W. H. H. Cole to date. .	15 00
13.	A. A. West, repairs on road machine. .	5 10
13.	E. T. Morse, repairs on road machine scraper, chains and etc. .	11 75

 \$177 30

SUPERVISORS' SERVICES.

1903

July	2,	paid J. E. McCannon,	.	\$4 00	
	20,	Edwin P. Jones,	.	4 00	
Dec.	14,	William N. Colby,	.	4 00	
					\$12 00

DAMAGE DONE BY DOGS.

Dec.	26,	paid Arthur I. Morse for 2			
		sheep killed,	.	\$7 00	
					\$7 00

BOARD OF HEALTH.

SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

1904

Feb.	13,	paid W. I. Martin,	.	\$7 00	
		Ralph H. Barker,	.	1 59	
		Webster Bros.,supplies			
		furnished J. A. Wood-			
		ard's family,	.	6 ⁰⁰ 79	
		Cyrus F. Marston,	.	11 75	
		H. C. Pomp for wait-			
		ing on Cole family,			
		1902,	.	5 00	
		George W. Currier for			
		milk furnished J. A.			
		Woodard family,	.	3 52	
					\$35 65

TRUANT OFFICER.

Feb.	13,	paid Walter I. Martin,	.	\$6 56	
					\$6 56

TOWN CLERK'S SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

Feb.	13, paid Cyrus F. Marston,	\$21 00	
			\$21 00

TOWN TREASURER'S SALARY.

Feb.	13, paid Arthur H. Wilcomb,	\$25 00	
			\$25 00

OVERSEER OF POOR, SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

Feb.	13, paid Leroy D. Morse,	\$16 00	
			\$16 00

SELECTMEN'S SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

Feb.	13, paid George S. West,	\$64 00	
	Herbert L. Chase,	40 75	
	Leroy D. Morse,	31 00	
			\$135 75

SCHOOL BOARD'S SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

Feb.	13, paid John M. Webster,	\$35 00	
	Lizzie S. Hooke,	35 00	
	James G. Robertson,	30 00	
			\$100 00

AUDITOR'S SERVICES.

1904

Feb.	18, paid Cyrus F. Marston.,	\$2 00	
	John C. Ramsdell,	2 00	
	Franklin P. Shackford,	2 00	
			\$6 00

SELECTMEN AND AUDITORS' EXPENSES.

Feb. 18, paid Walter I. Martin,	.	\$5 00	
			\$5 00

NOTICE.

All taxes assessed in the Town of Chester for the year 1903 not paid on or before the first day of April next, will be advertised and collected as the law directs.

GEORGE S. WEBSTER, Collector.

Chester, N. H. Feb. 18, 1904.

OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

REPORT OF LEROY D. MORSE.

TRANSIENTS.

Paid John Fisk for lodging one transient,	50	
S. A. Blackstone for lodging one transient,	50	
A. J. Merrill for lodging sixteen transients,	\$8 00	
		\$9 00
Total amount for support of poor in town,		\$9 00

COUNTY PAUPERS.

ELIJAH STOCKWELL.

Paid Fanny West for board from Feb. 10,		
1903, to Feb. 13, 1904,	\$92 00	
C. S. Wilcomb & Son for clothing,	6 90	
		\$98 00

LUTHER MORSE.

Paid Fanny West for board from Feb. 10,		
1903, to Feb. 13, 1904,	\$92 00	
		\$92 00

DAVID BUTTERFIELD.

Paid F. L. Hazelton for milk and care		
from Feb. 18, to March 14, 1903,	\$15 15	
Roy Weeks for milk and services, .	1 61	
R. H. Barker for medical attendance		
from Feb. 18, to June 6, 1903,	43 00	
Charles Abbott for service, .	4 00	
W. I. Martin for casket and services		
at funeral, . . .	17 00	
C. S. Wilcomb & Son for goods		
furnished, . . .	27 36	
		\$108 12
Amount due from Rockingham County on		
account of 1903, .	\$38 69	
		\$38 69
		\$337 71
Collected of Rockingham County and		
and paid Town Treasurer, .	\$325 21	
Balance due from County, .	12 50	
		\$337 71

LEROY D. MORSE,

Overseer of the poor.

Chester N. H. February 18, 1804.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Overseer of the poor for the year ending February 15, 1904, and find them correctly cast with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,	} Auditors.
JOHN C. RAMSDELL,	
FRANKLIN P. SHACKFORD.	

TAX PAYERS.

As voted by the town the following is a list of all persons paying a tax of over twenty dollars, with the amount of their tax :

Addison A. Bean,	.	.	.	\$39 50
James D. Bell heirs,	:	.	.	77 38
George L. Converse heirs,	.	.	.	25 64
Eliza R. Crawford,	.	.	.	54 45
Dale Brothers,	.	.	.	184 07
Albert F. B. Edwards,	.	.	.	21 81
Arthur L. Emerson heirs,	.	.	.	79 20
John D. Fiske,	.	.	.	24 16
Nathan B. Goldsmith heirs,	.	.	.	44 55
Nathan W. Goldsmith,	.	.	.	26 00
Charles F. Hills,	.	.	.	23 20
George Hook,	.	.	.	27 22
Robert H. Hazelton,	.	.	.	35 87
Lucien Kent heirs,	.	.	.	29 70
Henry H. Lane heirs,	.	.	.	26 40
Silas F. Learnard heirs,	.	.	.	29 77
Dwight M. Mitchell,	.	.	.	48 31
Caroline E. W. Morse,	.	.	.	29 70
Edward T. Morse,	.	.	.	32 17
William P. Nichols,	.	.	.	26 04
Francis E. Robie,	.	.	.	22 87
Mrs. John Robinson heirs,	.	.	.	36 96
John T. Ramsey,	.	.	.	28 94
W. H. Thayer,	.	.	.	53 23
John P. Townsend,	.	.	.	23 10
George S. West,	.	.	.	23 66
Alice M. N. West,	.	.	.	29 70
Alonzo A. West,	.	.	.	23 92
George W. Weeks,	.	.	.	55 01

Charles S. Wilcomb,	.	.	.	49	34
C. S. Wilcomb & Son,	.	.	.	73	19
Edmund J. Wilcomb,	.	.	.	37	22
Hartwell H. Bickford heirs,	.	.	.	33	00
Samuel Carr heirs,	.	.	.	52	31
Charles H. Greene,	.	.	.	57	52
Ebenezer Morse,	.	.	.	20	42
Leon B. Richardson,	.	.	.	22	67
Charles P. Robinson,	.	.	.	20	75
William B. Underhill,	.	.	.	29	80
George M. West heirs,	.	.	.	23	10
Joseph Webster heirs,	.	.	.	37	95
Webster Brothers,	.	.	.	120	42
Abbie C. Walton,	.	.	.	23	53
Charles A. Wilson,	.	.	.	92	80
Ambrose W. Barnes,	.	.	.	24	75
Charles Chase heirs,	.	.	.	22	28
F. W. Chamberlain heirs,	.	.	.	26	40
Marion C. Cheswell,	.	.	.	42	30
George W. Clark,	.	.	.	31	41
Charles H. Edwards,	.	.	.	20	36
John M. Emerson,	.	.	.	23	93
Luther W. Hall,	.	.	.	42	07
Anna W. M. Marston,	.	.	.	20	59
John W. Noyes heirs,	.	.	.	105	80
William M. Noyes,	.	.	.	28	48
John C. Ramsdell,	.	.	.	20	96
George D. Rand,	.	.	.	20	69
John H. Robie,	.	.	.	46	92
George W. Southwick,	.	.	.	32	84
Arthur T. Underhill,	.	.	.	24	25
William P. W. Whittemore,	.	.	.	23	50
Cyrus W. Hills,	.	.	.	32	83
Samuel S. Morse	.	.	.	24	42

Annie F. Morse,	.	.	.	42	40
Edmund Sleeper heirs,	.	.	.	28	05
William A. Smith heirs,	.	.	.	29	70
George Wells heirs,	.	.	.	36	30
Emma C. Hosley,	.	.	.	41	25
William T. Owen,	.	.	.	26	90
Joseph W. Smith,	.	.	.	67	09
Mrs. John Currier heirs,	.	.	.	33	83
Martin Mills,	.	.	.	36	33
Oren F. Page,	.	.	.	30	53
James W. Towle,	.	.	.	26	40
Samuel S. Warre,	.	.	.	28	54
John A. Hazelton,	.	.	.	23	00
Emeline Hazelton,	.	.	.	33	00
Mrs. Edwin Hazelton,	.	.	.	26	66
Gilman Jenness,	.	.	.	26	40
Lewis Kimball heirs,	.	.	.	33	00
Albert J. Merrill,	.	.	.	65	41
Augustus P. Morse,	.	.	.	45	11
Clarence O. Morse,	.	.	.	24	16
Orlando M. Tenney,	.	.	.	30	95
William F. Warren,	.	.	.	27	32
George W. Dolber,	.	.	.	27	09
Frank Dolber,	.	.	.	22	34
Luther B. Lane,	.	.	.	27	72
Charles F. True,	.	.	.	20	63
Horace E. True heirs,	.	.	.	29	70
John Wason,	.	.	.	70	79
Samuel E. Ray,	.	.	.	32	90
Elmer A. Sanborn,	.	.	.	32	11
John M. Parker,	.	.	.	20	63

Dr.

THE TOWN OF CHESTER IN ACCOUNT

1903-1904.

To discount on taxes paid on or before Aug. 1, 1903	\$ 96 24
To cash paid for printing, stationery and copy of public statutes	56 32
To cash paid for Memorial Day expenses	50 00
To cash paid for county tax	1,448 18
To cash paid for state tax	769 25
To cash paid C. H. Greene, note and interest	315 73
To cash paid for public library books	100 00
To cash paid for public library expenses	50 00
To cash paid for repairs on town hall	46 82
To cash paid school district treasurer, for schools	1,625 97
To cash paid for school books and supplies	188 21
To cash paid for schoolhouse repairs	200 00
To cash paid for tuition of pupils in academies out of town	154 00
To cash paid C. S. Wilcomb & Son, note and interest	303 00
To cash paid for care of cemeteries	17 05
To cash paid for care and attendance with hearse	44 00
To cash paid for abatement of taxes	15 97
To cash paid for sheep killed by dogs	7 00
To cash paid for improvements on roads and bridges	1,461 70
To cash paid for breaking roads	169 50
To cash paid for support of poor	308 02
To cash paid for collecting taxes	62 29
To cash paid for return of marriages, births and deaths	9 00
To cash paid for miscellaneous bills	177 30
To cash paid for selectmen and auditors' expenses	5 00
To cash paid for supervisors of check lists services	12 00
To cash paid for school board's services and expenses	100 00
To cash paid for board of health's services and expenses	35 65
To cash paid for town clerk's services and expenses	21 00
To cash paid truant officer's services and expenses	6 56
To cash paid for town treasurer's salary	25 00
To cash paid for overseer of poor's services and expenses	16 00
To cash paid for selectmen's services and expenses	135 75
To cash paid for auditors' services	6 00
To cash in treasury to balance	334 94
	\$8,373 45

WITH ARTHUR H. WILCOMB, TOWN TREASURER.

CR.

1903.

March	By cash received from Geo. S. West, late treasurer . . .	\$ 264 70
March	By cash of Geo. S. Webster, on tax list of 1902	500 00
April	By cash of Geo. S. Webster, on tax list of 1902	400 00
June	By cash of Geo. S. Webster, on tax list of 1902	166 00
June	By cash of Geo. S. Webster, on tax list of 1903	700 00
June	By cash of town clerk, for dog licenses, 1903	168 06
July	By cash of Geo. S. Webster, on tax list of 1903	1,350 00
Aug.	By cash of Geo. S. Webster, on tax list of 1903	1,062 00
Aug. 10	By cash of state board of license commissioners, for one-half of license fee	18 69
Nov.	By cash of Geo. S. Webster, on tax list of 1903	320 00
Nov. 12	By cash hired of C. S. Wilcomb & Son	300 00
Dec.	By cash of Geo. S. Webster, on tax list of 1903	950 00
Dec. 14	By cash of state treasurer, railroad tax	18 40
Dec. 14	By cash of state treasurer, savings bank tax	1,102 77
Dec. 14	By cash of state treasurer, literary fund	94 40

1904.

Jan. 19	By cash of Rockingham county for support of poor . .	325 21
Feb.	By cash of Geo. S. Webster, on tax list of 1902	21 70
Feb.	By cash of Geo. S. Webster, interest on taxes of 1902 . .	32 52
Feb.	By cash of Geo. S. Webster, on tax list of 1903	554 00
Feb.	By cash of Chester Grange for rent of town hall	25 00

 \$8,373 45

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

ASSETS.

Balance of tax list of 1903,	.	\$1256 60	
Balance in hands of town treasurer,	.	334 94	
			\$1591 54

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN, FEB. 20, 1904.

Note of \$400 due Webster Brothers, dated Feb. 16, 1897, with interest an- nually at 4 per cent,	.	\$525 83	
Amount of Pressey legacy for reservoir, with annual interest at 4 per cent from April 14, 1892, to Feb. 15, 1904,	.	315 88	
Amount voted for the soldiers' monu- ment,	.	800 00	
			\$1641 71

Balance against the town, \$50 17
ARTHUR H. WILCOMB, Treasurer.

CHESTER, N. H., Feb. 18, 1904.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of
Arthur H. Wilcomb, town treasurer, and find them correctly cast
with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,	{	Auditors.
JOHN C. RAMSDELL,		
FRANKLIN P. SHACKFORD,		

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

LIBRARIAN'S ACCOUNT.

Books added to the library in 1903,	.	.	95
Purchased with town money.	.	.	69
Given,	.	.	26
Fiction,	.	.	42
Non-Fiction,	.	.	53
Number of books taken out during the year,	.		5786
Average number to every person in town,	.		6
Largest number taken out in one day Feb. 21, '03,			115
Smallest number, July 15, '03,	.	.	16
Per cent of fiction read	.	.	70
Per cent of non-fiction read,	.	.	30

DR.

Money received in fines,.	.	\$3 91	
Balance on hand from 1902,	.	6 04	
			\$9 95

CR.

Expended for card catalogue and needed supplies,	.	.	7 63	
Cash on hand to balance	.	.	2 32	
				\$9 95

Gifts of books have been received during the year from C. F. Atkinson, 24, A. H. Wilcomb, Harper's, A. E. Pillsbury, David Farquhar and Mrs. Josephine Corning. Lucy C. Bell gives the Youth's Companion, Rev J. G. Robertson, the Outlook, Mrs. Corning, the Christian Science Sentinel. The library subscribes for Harper's Scribner's, Century, McClure's, Munsey's, Everybody's Granite Monthly, Arena, World's Work, Review of Reviews, Art Interchange.

1894-1904.

In July, 1904, Chester's free library will complete its first decade of existence.

Beginning with 105 books in the store of A. H. Wilcomb, it has increased to 1950 bound volumes besides a number of state and government reports. The largest gift was 900 volumes from the Ladies' Library Association of Chester in 1896.

The same year a building was purchased and fitted up for the use of the library. During this time about 600 cards have been issued to different patrons. The patronage of the library has been one of its strongest features. A warm interest in its welfare has been evinced by the trustees and many of the citizens of the town.

The increasing number of children who hold a card is gratifying.

Each year it is noticed that more non-fiction is read. Any one pursuing a line of study can take all the books he needs by means of special cards. These are issued to school districts also. Fines have been reduced to one cent a day. In 1897 a catalogue of 1256 books was printed. February, 1904, permission was granted by the trustees to take five dollars of the fine money and purchase material for a card catalogue of the 700 books added since 1897.

With the exception of one week when the printed catalogue was being prepared, the library has not been closed on any library day during the past ten years, except on a few public holidays. It will be seen that the care of the library and the necessary work consequent on its growth have largely increased since its founding.

Circulation for the past nine years has been as follows :

1895	.	.	4000	1900	.	.	4450
1896	.	.	4800	1901	.	.	4900
1897	.	.	5850	1902	.	.	5205
1898	.	.	5230	1903	.	.	5786
1899	.	.	4640				

TRUSTEE'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year,	.	.	\$22 36	
Received from Town for books and supplies,	.	.	100 00	
Received from Town for Librarian's salary and current expenses,	.	.	50 00	
				\$172 36

EXPENDITURES.

Paid DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., books,	.	\$57 00	
Nutshell Publishing Co., one book,	.	1 00	
The Pilgrim Press, books,	.	4 80	
John Wanamaker, periodicals,	.	4 00	
D. D. Cottrell, periodicals,	.	15 50	
A. H. Wilcomb, insurance, 3 years,	.	15 00	
N. J. Bartlett & Co., books,	.	12 06	
Frank L. Sullivan, one book,	.	1 10	
Frances M. Stearns, one book,	.	2 20	
Courier Publishing Co., supplies,	.	1 43	
Isabelle H. Fitz, salary as librarian,	.	25 00	
F. J. Barnard & Co., rebinding books,	.	17 15	
C. S. Wilcomb & Son, supplies,	.	27	
Webster Bros., supplies,	.	1 59	
Sherburne Hazelton, janitor,	.	95	
Express and expenses,	.	4 93	
Balance on hand,	.	8 38	
			\$172 36

Respectfully Submitted,

JAMES G. ROBERTSON, Treasurer.

ADDISON A. BEAN,	}	Trustees.
AUGUSTUS P. MORSE,		
JAMES G. ROBERTSON,		

CHESTER, N. H., Feb. 18, 1904.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Trustees and Treasurer of the Free Public Library of Chester for the year past, and find them correctly cast with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,	}	Auditors.
JOHN C. RAMSDELL,		
FRANKLIN SHACKFORD,		

SCHOOL WARRANT.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,

ROCKINGHAM, SS.

*To the Inhabitants of the Town of Chester School District
qualified to vote in District affairs.*

You are hereby notified to meet in the Town Hall in said town, Saturday, the twelfth day of March, 1904, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects :

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a Clerk.
3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer.
5. To hear reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
6. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the support of schools in addition to that required by law.
7. To see what the District will do in regard to repairing, furnishing and improving the school buildings, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for that purpose.
8. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in regard to any subject embraced in this warrant.

9. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Chester, this seventeenth day of February, 1904.

JOHN M. WEBSTER,	}	School Board
LIZZIE S. HOOKE,		of
JAMES G. ROBERTSON,		Chester.

A true copy of warrant, attest :

JOHN M. WEBSTER,	}	School Board
LIZZIE S. HOOKE,		of
JAMES G. ROBERTSON,		Chester.

SCHOOL REPORT.

In accordance with the requirements of law and custom we, the School Board of Chester, submit our annual report of the past year.

We have been able to maintain thirty weeks of schooling in all of the seven schools, a length of time which seems to be desired for towns situated as we are.

As was requested by a vote of the district at the last annual meeting, repairs have been made on the grammar school room which we hope will meet with approval.

At the commencement of the year it was decided to make a change in the readers and a part of the grammars, and to complete the histories needed which were introduced the year before, since many of those in use were much worn and it was necessary to get new ones to take their places. And those who have had wide experience in the training of young minds have done much in recent years, by careful study, for the improvement of some of our school books, and the methods and results of teaching. The awakened interest resulting from the introduction of new and later books more than repays for the expenditure, and we believe is appreciated by all honest, careful, painstaking pupils.

In order that the pupils may get the most good from their books, during vacation they are allowed to take not more than two from the school room, and it devolves upon the parents to see that these books are not misused. A thoughtful person will be as careful in the use of property loaned by the town as he would be of his own, or should be in the use

of an article borrowed from a neighbor, and will see to it that his children are impressed with the same idea. When they have nothing else to do and will persist in pasting on their books labels, tobacco tags, and deface and soil them, it is time to make them pay for their books and debar them from any extra privileges.

We are indebted to Bell W. R. C. for the presentation to each school of a book entitled, "A Patriotic Primer for the Little Citizen," which we appreciate, and which will be found useful.

We have paid out the past year for carrying pupils \$149.50; we wish the situation of the school buildings might be such as to avoid this item of expense which seems to be growing larger.

By the provisions of the High School law passed by the Legislature of 1901, this town paid out \$164.00 for tuition the past year. While this may be a small item of expense compared to the benefits derived, we feel with all the advantages being given that the scholars should be well qualified in the English branches taught in our schools before going away to take up the languages and other studies taught in the high schools and academies.

It is the parents who in a great measure are responsible for the unnecessary non-attendance. With the exception of sickness good reasons are few which keep children away from school. It is hoped that the per cent of attendance may be increased in the future, for the progress of the child in his studies is very generally indicated by the scarcity of "black marks" after the pupil's name in the school register. Some parents will even allow their children to speak disrespectfully of a teacher for inflicting even a small punishment to compel them to get their lessons, and thereby benefit themselves.

In the selection of a teacher it is often necessary to engage those who have had but limited experience; and while

the one chosen may seem to be especially fitted for success in the vocation, we are likely to be disappointed in finding a lack of some quality essential to success in the school room. The work performed and results obtained by our teachers, as a whole, has been very satisfactory and much credit is due them for their zealous efforts.

Thanking all those who have in any way made the school work pleasant for the past year, and hoping that the parents may more fully realize the importance of united action with the School Board, we add Sections 14-18-20 of Chapter 93 of the school laws.

SECT. 14. [As amended by chapter 61, Session Laws of 1901, and chapter 13, Session Laws of 1903.] Every person having the custody and control of a child between the ages of eight and fourteen years, or of a child under the age of sixteen years, who cannot read at sight and write legibly simple sentences in the English language, residing in a school district in which a public school is annually taught, shall cause such child to attend the public school all the time such school is in session, unless the child shall be excused by the school board of the district because his physical or mental condition is such as to prevent his attendance at school for the period required, or because he was instructed in the English language in a private school approved by the school board for a number of weeks equal to that in which the public school was in session in the common English branches, or, having acquired those branches, in other more advanced studies. Any person who does not comply with the requirements of this section shall be fined ten dollars for the first offense and twenty dollars for every subsequent offense, for the use of the district.

SECT. 18. It shall be the duty of the school board to prosecute offenders for violations of the provisions of this chapter. If they neglect to perform this duty they shall for-

feit twenty dollars for each neglect, for the use of the district, to be recovered in the name of the district by the selectmen of the town. All necessary expenses incurred in such proceedings shall be paid by the district.

SECT. 20. [Enacted by chapter 62, Session Laws of 1895.] No certificate as provided in the foregoing sections shall be issued for attendance at any private school, unless such school shall have previously been approved by the school board of the district in which it is situated as furnishing instruction in the English language in all the studies required by law equal to that given in the public schools of said district, and unless the record of attendance shall be kept in the form required of the public schools and be open to the inspection of the school board of the district at all times.

JOHN M. WEBSTER,	}	Board of Education.
LIZZIE S. HOOKE,		
JAMES G. ROBERTSON,		

ROLL OF HONOR.

FIRST DIVISION, NO. 1 SCHOOL.

George Wilcomb	Marie Thayer *
Mildred Fitts †	Ethel Mackintosh *
Mildred Greene *	Harold Sweeney
Lena Webster *	Ruth Webster *

SECOND DIVISION.

George W. Goldsmith	Margaret M. Johns
Earle M. Hazelton †	Helen L. Smith
Philip G. Hazelton †	Bessie M. Smith
Edward E. Johns	Blanche C. Webster *
Edith E. Hazelton †	Ethel L. Hill †
Helen Mackintosh	Sadie Hill

NO 2, SOUTH ROAD.

Alice B. Richardson

Lena M. Wood

NO. 3, BRICK.

Harry Edwards †

Lena Rand *

Joseph Edwards *

Adell Rand *

Julia Tucker

Ralph Morrill †

Nellie Hardy †

Miriam Lewis

Olive Robie

Hazel Nichols

Grace Morrill

NO. 5, NORTH CHESTER.

Grace M. Dolber *

Bernice M. Maxwell †

Evelyn M. Holland †

Florence A. Holland

Everett R. Haselton *

Willie A. Holland

Bert R. Cammett †

Allen J. Parker †

Maud B. Parker †

Willie W. Parker †

NO. 6, TOWLE.

David Mills †

Percy Stowe *

Millie Dolber

Verna Drowne

Alice Marden †

Lena Marden †

Hazel Stowe *

Inez Stowe *

Ruth A. Mills †

Joseph Hatch

Henry Mills

NO 7, WALNUT HILL.

Olive Buzzell *

John Buzzell

George Gorham *

Rachel Kimball

Ruth Kimball

Howard Warren †

Hayford Kimball

Leonard Hill

† Two terms perfect

* Three terms perfect.

EXPENDITURES.

PAID FOR TEACHING.

1903

June	19, Kathleen Melvin, No. 1, 1st division, . . .	\$90 00
	20, Bessie L. Wray, No. 6, . .	75 00
	24, Martha L. Coolidge, No. 2, .	72 00
	24, Cora K. Seavey, No. 3, . .	90 00
	34, Sara B. Luscombe, No. 5, .	72 00
	26, Anna L. Hazelton, No. 7, .	90 00
	26, Sarah L. Pike, No. 1, 2nd division . . .	90 00
Nov.	20, Angie F. J. Main, No. 1, 2nd division, . . .	72 50
	20, Martha L. Coolidge, . .	68 75
	20, Cora K. Seavey, . . .	82 50
	20, Sara B. Luscombe, . . .	72 00
	20, Bessie L. Wray, . . .	68 75
	20, Mary E. Bartlett, No. 7, . .	70 00
Dec.	21, Agnes P. Blackwell, No. 1, 1st division, . . .	120 00

1904

Jan.	8, Sara B. Luscombe, . . .	36 00
	15, Martha L. Coolidge, . . .	43 75
	15, Cora K. Seavey, . . .	52 50
	15, Bessie L. Wray, . . .	43 75
	22, Bessie Temple, No. 1, 2nd division, . . .	64 00
	22, Mary F. Bartlett, . . .	56 00
Feb.	13, Agnes P. Blackwell, . . .	80 00
		\$1509 50

CONVEYING PUPILS.

1903

June 29, Carolyn M. Lane to No. 6,	\$34 00
Nov. 20, Luther B. Lane to No. 6, .	33 00

1904

Jan. 15, Valeria A. Towle to No. 6,	31 50
19, Luther B. Lane to No. 6, .	21 00
Feb. 13, J. F. Burdett to No. 1, .	30 00

 \$149 50

FUEL ACCOUNT.

1903

Paid Charles H. Edwards, .	\$9 50
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1904

Paid Charles H. Greene, .	6 00
John E. Kimball, .	4 00
Garland Smith, .	5 75
Augustus P. Morse, .	8 00
George S. Webster, .	9 00
Wm. P. W. Whittemore, .	11 95

 \$54 20

JANITORS' SERVICES.

1904

Paid Joseph S. Hatch, No. 6, .	\$2 50
John J. S. Buzzell, No. 7, .	4 00
Sherburne E. Hazelton, No. 1, .	2 92

 \$9 42

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

1903

Paid Mary F. West, .	\$6 00
B. A. Follansbee, .	1 00
Mrs. Rufus Abbott, .	1 25

Mary L. Gagnon,	.	.	\$3 00
Luther F. West,	.	.	1 00

1904

Ella B. Drowne,	.	.	2 00
Annie M. Wakefield,	.	.	2 00
George H. Dane,	.	.	1 13
Cyrus F. Marston,	.	.	1 13

 \$18 51

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

1903

Paid The Head & Dowst Co.,	.	.	\$63 99
Freight bill,	.	.	1 50
C. H. and R. P. Edwards,	.	.	10 00
William P. Colby,	.	.	2 00
Frank C. Brown,	.	.	1 00
Charles H. Fellows,	.	.	45 25
Charles A. Nichols,	.	.	7 30
F. M. Stearns,	.	.	4 36
Olive A. McDuffie,	.	.	1 20
John B. Varick Co.,	.	.	20 77
Jesse G. Hall,	.	.	7 82

1904

Frank P. Shackford,	.	.	10 60
George S. Whittemore,	.	.	1 50
William P. Nichols,	.	.	16 86
J. A. Woodard,	.	.	1 50
Webster Bros.,	.	.	2 57

 \$198 22

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

1903

Paid American Book Co.,	.	\$100 88	
E. E. Babb & Co.,	.	46 42	
J. L. Hammett Co.,	.	18 23	
B. H. Sanborn & Co.,	.	17 72	
Webster Bros.,	.	3 06	
Express on books,	.	1 90	
			\$188 21

CREDIT.

Received from town,	.		\$188 21
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SCHOLARS ATTENDING PINKERTON ACADEMY.

Paid F. J. Shepard, Treasurer.

1903

Anna Barndollar, 2 terms,	.	\$12 00	
Frances Barndollar, 3 terms,	.	18 00	
Ethel M. Greene, 3 terms,	.	18 00	
Maud Rand, 3 terms,	.	18 00	
Marion Webster, 3 terms,	.	18 00	
Harris West, 3 terms,	.	18 00	
Margaret West, 2 terms,	.	12 00	
			\$114 00

SANBORN SEMINARY.

Paid Hon. A. C. Chase, Treasurer.

1903

Laura R. Lane, 3 terms,	.	\$15 00	
Sewall F. Tenney, 3 terms,	.	15 00	

Lillian S. Mackintosh, 2 terms, .	10 00	
		\$40 00

\$154 00

Received from town, tuition, .		\$154 00
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CHESTER, N. H., Feb. 18, 1904.

We certify that we have examined the accounts of the School Board of Chester for the past year and find them correctly cast with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,	}	Auditors.
JOHN C. RAMSDELL,		
FRANKLIN P. SHACKFORD,		

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT.

SCHOOL MONEY RECEIVED.

Balance from last year, . . .	\$84 06	
Received from Town of Chester, . .	1625 97	
Received from Town of Derry, . . .	23 45	
Received from Albert F. Healey, . .	4 15	
Received from Chester pupils, . . .	1 50	
Received from A. J. Merrill, . . .	1 00	
Received from J. D. Colby, Candia, .	1 00	
		\$1741 13

EXPENDITURES.

Paid teachers' salaries, . . .	\$1509 50	
conveying pupils, . . .	149 50	
fuel and janitors, . . .	63 62	
miscellaneous bills, . . .	18 51	
		\$1741 13

EXPENDITURES ON SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Paid bills for repairs, . . .	\$198 22	
Balance repair money on hand, . .	1 78	
		\$200 00

RECEIPTS.

Received from Town Treasurer, . .		\$200 00
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Respectfully Submitted,

JOHN M. WEBSTER, District Treasurer.

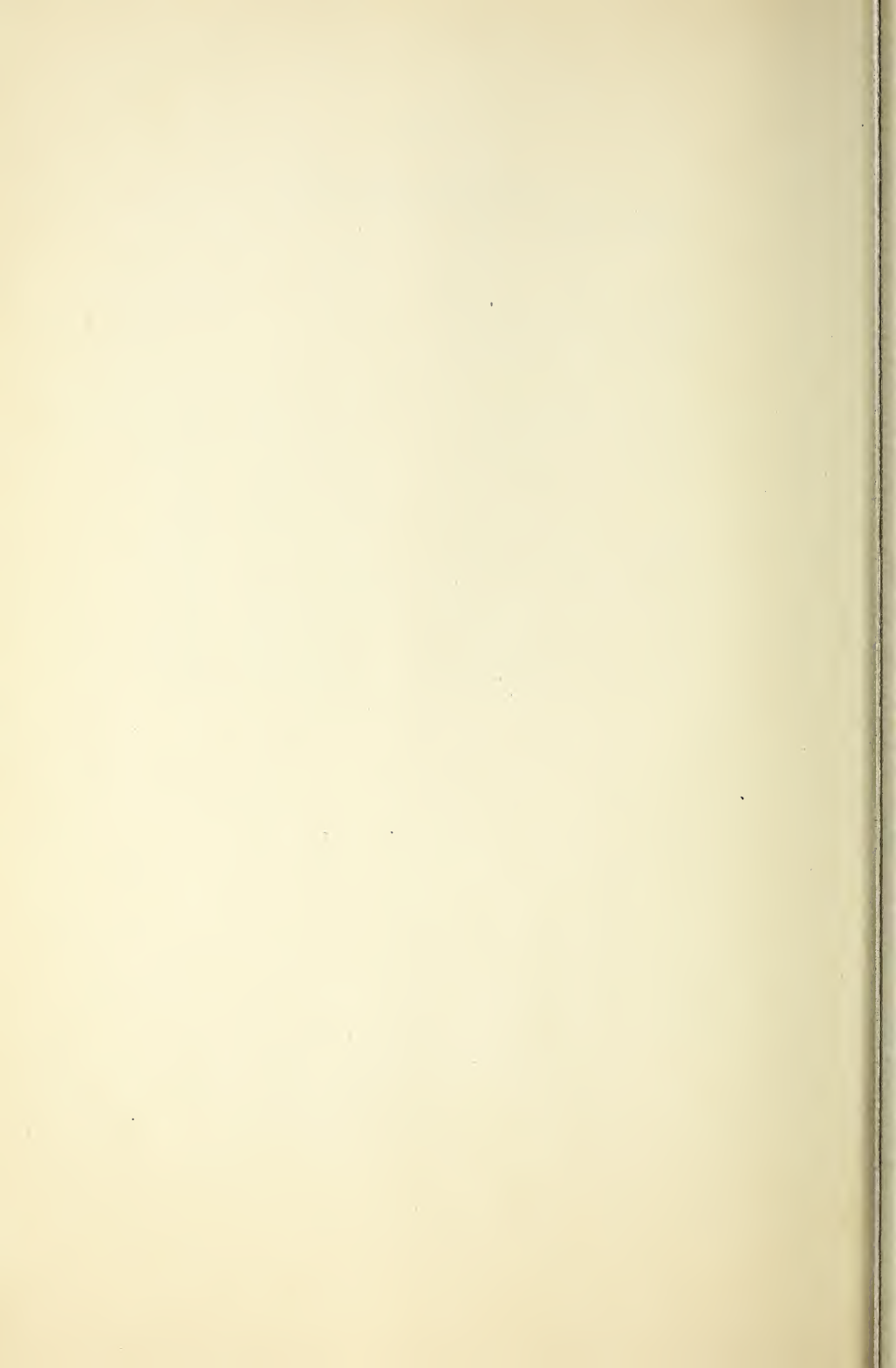
CHESTER, N. H. February 18, 1904.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of John M. Webster, Treasurer of the School District of the Town of Chester for the year past and find them correctly cast with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,	} Auditors.
JOHN C. RAMSDELL,	
F. P. SHACKFORD,	

SCHOOL TABLE.

No. of School.	TERMS.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	No. of Weeks	No. of Pupils in									
				Whole No. of Pupils.	Reading	Spelling	Writing	Arithmetic	Geography	Grammar	History	Composition.	Drawing.
1	Spring . .	Kathleen Melvin	10	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
1 Div.	Fall	Agnes Blackwell	12	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19
	Winter . .	Agnes Blackwell	8	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
1	Spring . .	Sarah L. Pike	12	40	40	40	40	40	25	12	5	12	40
2 Div.	Fall	Angie F. J. Main	10	37	37	37	37	24	12	20	12	33	20
	Winter . .	Bessie Temple	8	36	36	36	36	17	17	9	20	36	..
2	Spring . .	Martha L. Coolidge	12	12	12	12	12	6	3	2	..	..	..
	Fall	Martha L. Coolidge	11	13	13	13	10	10	5	3	1	..	..
	Winter . .	Martha L. Coolidge	7	11	11	11	11	6	3	1	..	..	..
3	Spring . .	Cora K. Seavey	12	18	18	18	18	18	12	13	9	15	18
	Fall	Cora K. Seavey	11	20	20	20	20	12	13	8	20	20	20
	Winter . .	Cora K. Seavey	7	19	19	19	19	11	11	7	19	19	19
5	Spring . .	Sara B. Luscombe	12	15	15	15	15	13	13	6	12	..	..
	Fall	Sara B. Luscombe	12	15	15	15	15	10	11	6	11	..	..
	Winter . .	Sara B. Luscombe	6	11	11	11	11	10	9	5	9	..	..
6	Spring . .	Bessie L. Ray	12	16	16	16	16	16	14	9	9	8	16
	Fall	Bessie L. Ray	11	18	18	18	18	18	8	8	8	8	18
	Winter . .	Bessie L. Ray	7	18	18	18	18	18	8	8	8	8	18
7	Spring . .	Anna L. Hazelton	12	13	13	13	13	13	9	8	8	9	13
	Fall	Mary Bartlett	10	14	14	14	14	14	9	9	7	7	14
	Winter . .	Mary Bartlett	8	13	13	13	13	13	8	8	6	6	13



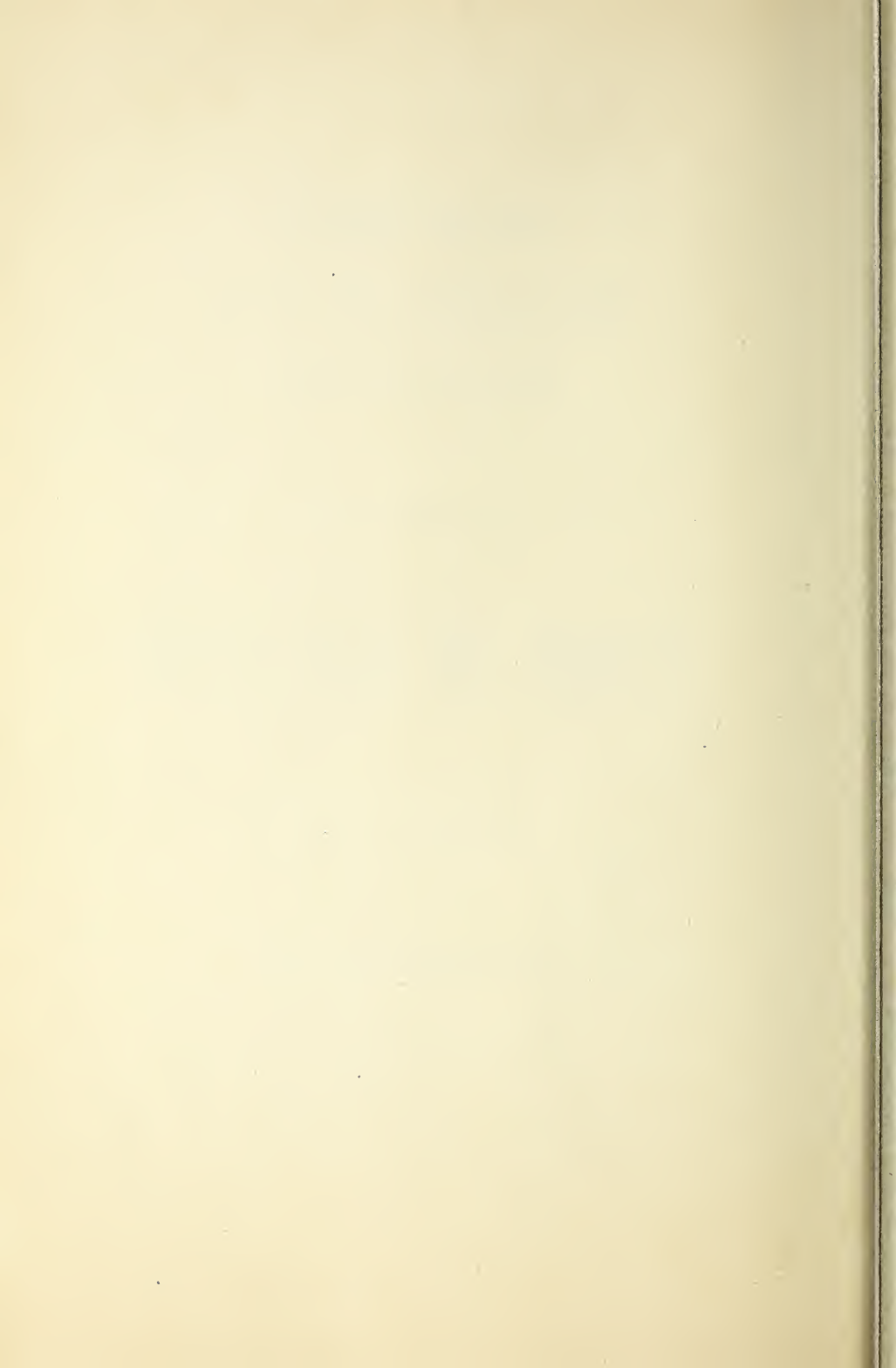
BIRTHS,
MARRIAGES,
DEATHS,

REGISTERED IN THE

TOWN OF CHESTER

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1903.



Births Registered in the Town of Chester, for the Year Ending December 31, 1903.

Date of Birth	Place of Birth.	Name of the Child (if any.)	Sex & Con		Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.		
			Male or Female	Living or Stillb							No. of Child.	Color.
Jan. 30	Chester	Marie Barker	f	1	Ralph H. Barker	Blanche A. Hayes	Candia	Groveton	30	29		
Feb. 20	"	Charles A. Goldsmith	m	1	Nathan W. Goldsmith	Mary W. Kimball	Chester	Dexter, Me	43	34		
Mar. 16	"	Bernice May West	f	1	William H. West	Ida May Spinney	"	Raymond	37	24		
Apr. 18	"	Alva G. Healey	m	1	William A. Healey	Hattie F. Buss	"	Worcester, Mass.	29	22		
May 15	"	Roxy W. Chase	f	1	Herbert L. Chase	Harriet L. Preston	"	Auburn	39	35		
July 1	"	Henry Wallace Fitz	m	3	George L. Fitz	Harriet E. Brown	"	Bridgewater, Mass.	38	39		
Aug. 3	"	Clement Morrill	m	1	Frank A. Morrill	Mary J. Whittemore	Leominster	Glendale, R. I	38	37		
Oct. 15	"	Mildred Rose Parker	f	1	John M. Parker	Aldie C. Underhill	Chester	Chester	41	35		
Oct. 25	"	Edith A. Sanborn	f	1	Elmer A. Sanborn	Mary A. Morse	"	"	34	26		
Nov. 3	"	Francis L. Robertson	f	1	James G. Robertson	Fannie M. Hall	Jackson, N. Y.	Manchester	42	42		
" 22	"	Evelyn V. Lane	f	1	Walter W. Lane	Carolyn M. Lane	Chester	Chester	42	34		

Marriages Registered in the Town of Chester, for the Year Ending December 31, 1903

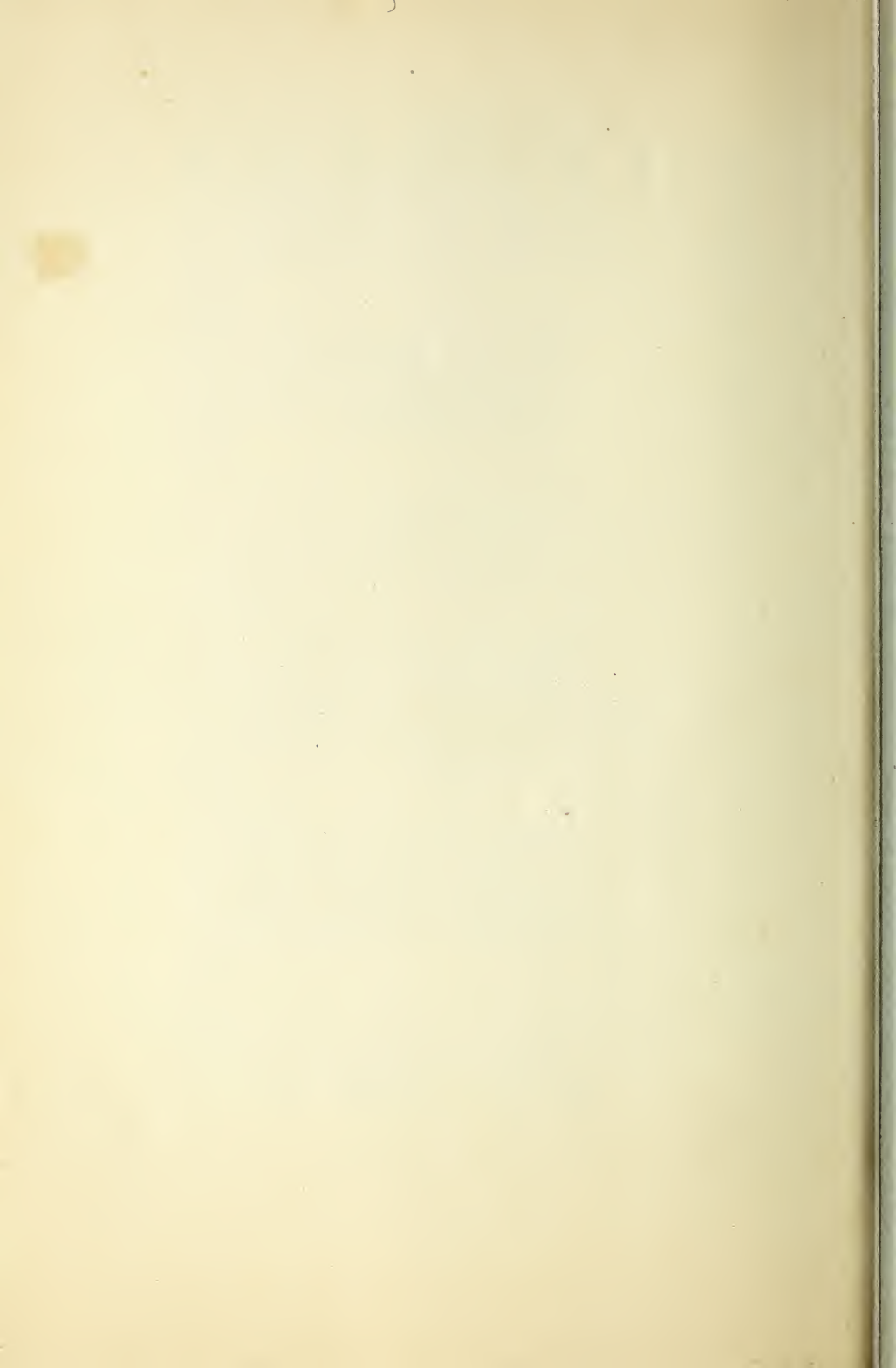
Date.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age of each.	Color.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of Each.	Names of Parents.	Condition.	Name, and Residence of Person by whom married.
Feb. 1	Derry	John R. F. Brown	Chester	19 w		Shoemaker	Chester	Frank C. Brown Eliza J. Sherman	1	John H. Nichols, Clergyman,
		Jennie F. West	"	19 w			"	Edward West	1	Derry
June 3	Chester	Charles D. Rand	"	27 w		Carpenter	Lynn Mass	George D. Rand Jennie Kelley	1	James G. Robertson, Clergyman,
		Lilla May Lane	"	22 w			Chester	Julia Allen Austin J. Lane	1	Chester
" 6	"	Alfred C. Stuart	Manchester	26 w		Loomfixer	Chateaugay N. Y.	Mary Ida Dow Samuel B. Stuart	1	Frederick H. Donovan Ordained Minister Clergyman,
		Helen L. McDuffie	Chester	21 w			Chester	Frank L. McDuffie Oliver A. Brown	1	Chester
Nov. 7	Atkinson	Benjamin W. Lake	"	20 w		Farming	Manchester	Will Roberts Lilla Lake	1	Geo. N. Scott, Minister of the Gospel Atkinson
		Bertha M. Clay	Atkinson	19 w			West Newby Mass	Charles H. Clay Mina S. Wentworth	1	

Deaths Registered in the Town of Chester, for the Year Ending December 31, 1903.

Date.	Place of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.		Place of Birth.	Sex and Color.		Occupation.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
			Year.	Month.		Sex.	Color.			
Jan. 6	Chester	Elizabeth A. Parker	77	6	Reading, Mass	f	w	Farmer	John McIntire	Miranda Leonard
Feb. 8	"	Joseph N. Grant	62	3	Hampstead	m	w	Farmer	Joseph D. Grant	Clarissa Marshall
" 10	"	Sewell Worthley	66	7	Brentwood	m	w	Painter	Sewell Worthley	Rebecca L. Center
" 18	"	Hannah Hazelton	83	6	Guildford	f	w	Shoemaker	Joseph Rand	Elizabeth Folsom
" 19	"	John F. Hill	47	7	Farlee, Vt	m	w	Farmer	Benjamin Hill	Sally Brown
" 21	"	Abel B. Parker	79	1	Candia	m	w	Farmer	Abel B. Parker	Emma Allen
Mar. 8	"	Ella Seavey	28	9	"	f	w	Farmer	Moses W. Keenston	Greenough
" 11	"	Henry Mills	84	2	Chester	m	w	Farmer	Joseph Mills	Alire J. Fitts
" 25	"	Maurice H. Watts	4	2	Londonberry	m	w	Farmer	Herman L. Watts	Alice J. Fitts
" 25	"	Harold L. Watts	1	11	Derry	m	w	Farmer	Herman L. Watts	Hedrig Linguist
Apr. 29	"	Albert H. Lawson	44	10	Sweden	m	w	Baker	Herman Lawson	Betsey Osgood
May 26	"	Abigail B. Marden	85	3	Chester	f	w	Farmer	Joshiah Basford	Hannah Smith
" 29	"	Mary J. Green	83	1	"	f	w	Farmer	Amos Green	Seavey
June 7	"	David Butterfield	84	2	Bedford	m	w	Farmer	Joseph Butterfield	Mary Judkins
" 17	"	Betsey M. Marston	83	3	Norway, Me	f	w	Farmer	Asa Noyes	Blodgett
July 15	"	John Ray	91	10	"	m	w	Farmer	James Ray	Charlotte Quinby
Aug. 20	"	George W. Weeks	80	4	Chester	m	w	Salesman	Noah Weeks	Mary S. W. Lathrop
Sept. 2	"	Charles N. Farnum	45	10	Norwich, Conn.	m	w	Shoemaker	Charles N. Farnum	Ane Damon
" 12	"	Clarence Austin	69	4	Reading, Mass.	m	w	Farmer	Gains Austin	Lydia Hall
" 22	"	Mark Carr	61	3	Chester	m	w	Farmer	Samuel Carr	Folly Stevens
Oct. 12	"	George W. Dolber	80	1	Candia	m	w	Farmer	John Dolber	Dorcas Rand
Nov. 10	"	Edwina W. Abbott	69	2	Nashua	f	w	Farmer	Robert Barrett	Betsey Forsaith
" 14	"	Maiana F. Cheswell	63	2	Springfield	f	w	Farmer	William Carr	Mary Dudley
Dec. 10	"	William Rand	80	6	Chester	m	w	Farmer	William Rand	
" 16	"	Fory J. Lovering	69	1	"	m	w	Farmer	Abigail Lovering	

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to my best knowledge and belief.

CYRUS F. MARSTON, Town Clerk.







11-10-1905
James S. Robinson

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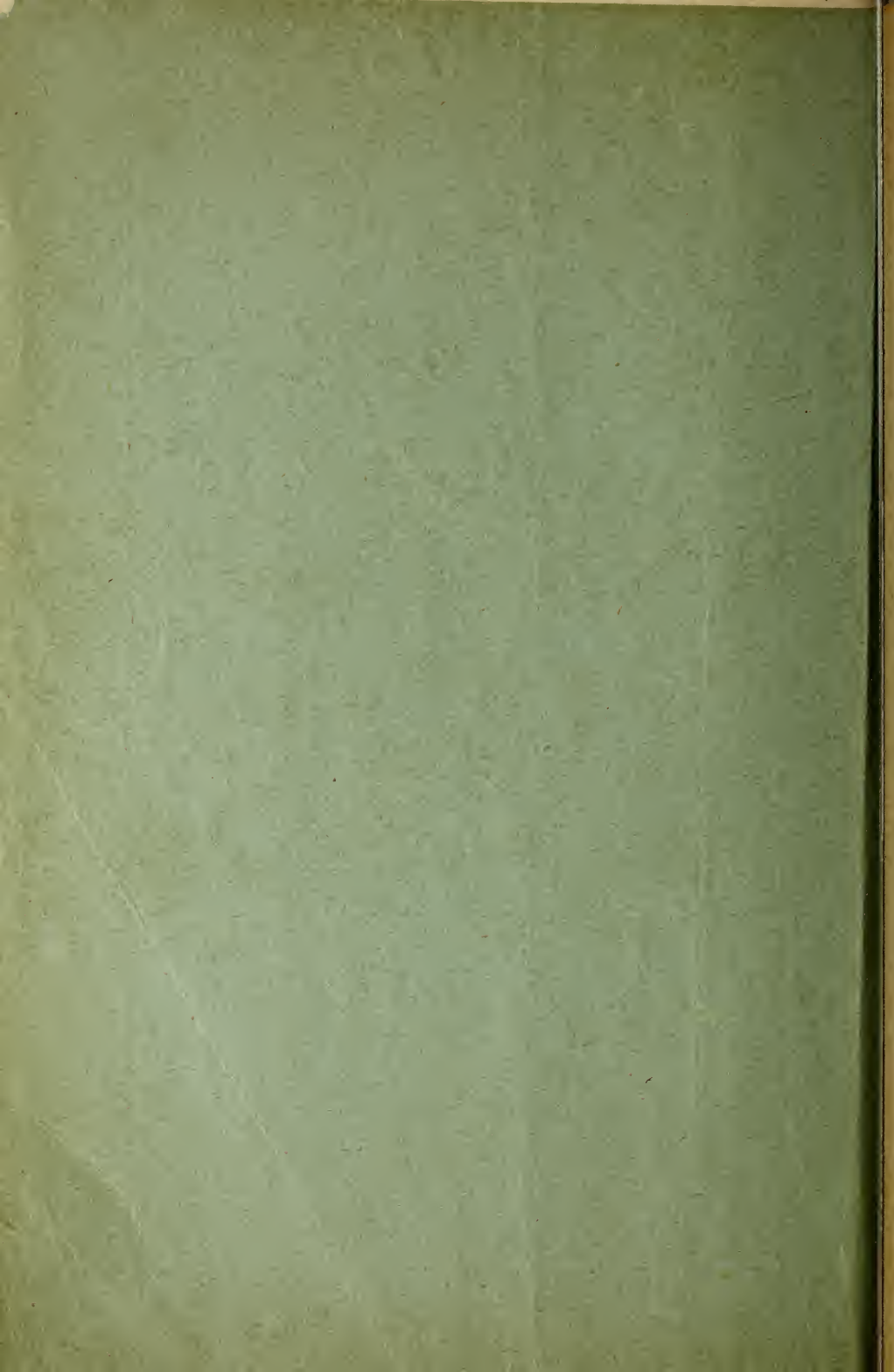
OF THE

TOWN OF

CHESTER

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 15, 1905.



ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, OVERSEER OF
THE POOR, TOWN TREAS-
URER, TOWN CLERK, SCHOOL
BOARD, LIBRARY TRUSTEES,
AND AUDITORS.

OF THE

TOWN OF CHESTER

For the Year Ending February 15, 1905.

THE DERRY NEWS
PRESS,
WEST DERRY, N. H.
1905.



TOWN WARRANT.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,

ROCKINGHAM, SS.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Chester, in said state, qualified to vote in Town affairs.

[L. S.]

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said town on the Second Tuesday, of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects :

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers and Agents for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of schools ; for the maintenance of the poor ; for the laying out and repairing of highways, and building and repairing bridges ; for paying the town debts and defraying interest thereon ; and for other necessary charges arising in said town.
3. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
4. To see if the town will vote to build a new Town Hall, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for that purpose.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, for salary of Librarian, and to defray the running expenses of the Public Library.
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a

sum of money in addition to that required by law, to purchase books for the Public Library.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the decoration of Soldiers Graves.

8. To see what the town will do with the old Hearse House.

9. To see what the Town will do in regard to providing a Lock-up or some suitable place for tramps.

10. To see if the Town will vote to build a suitable building for the Town machinery, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for that purpose.

11. To choose Agents, or Committees, in relation to any article embraced in this warrant.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-first day of February in the year of our Lord 1905.

GEORGE S. WEST,	}	Selectmen of Chester.
LEROY D. MORSE,		
WILLIAM T. OWEN,		

A true copy, Attest :

GEORGE S. WEST,	}	Selectmen of Chester.
LEROY D. MORSE,		
WILLIAM T. OWEN,		

TOWN OFFICERS.

MODERATOR—Nathan W. Goldsmith.

TOWN CLERK—Cyrus F. Marston.

SELECTMEN—George S. West, Leroy D. Morse, William T. Owen.

OVERSEER OF THE POOR—William T. Owen.

TOWN TREASURER—Arthur H. Wilcomb.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES—George S. Webster.

School Board—James G. Robertson, Lizzie S. Hooke, Sarah P. Webster.

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER—John M. Webster.

REPRESENTATIVE—William B. Underhill.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES—James G. Robertson, Augustus P. Morse, Addison A. Bean.

CONSTABLES—Walter I. Martin, James W. Towle, John P. Buzzell.

SUPERVISORS—James E. McCannon, Edwin P. Jones, William N. Colby.

AUDITORS—Cyrus F. Marston, John C. Ramsdell, Herbert L. Chase.

HEALTH OFFICERS—Cyrus F. Marston, Robert H. Hazelton, Walter I. Martin.

CEMETERY TRUSTEES—Robert H. Hazelton, one year ; Addison A. Bean, two years ; Cyrus F. Marston, three years.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1905.

VALUATION.

Resident real estate, . . .	\$275,147 00
Non-resident real estate, . . .	33,352 00
Number polls, 205, . . .	20,500 00
Number of horses, 234 . . .	12,000 00
Number of oxen, 14, . . .	670 00
Number of cows, 368, . . .	9,146 00
Number of other neat stock, 90, . . .	1,539 00
Number of sheep, 32, . . .	104 00
Bank stock, . . .	4,742 00
Money at interest, . . .	3,000 00
Stock in trade, . . .	12,105 00
Mills, machinery, etc., . . .	4,400 00
	\$376,705 00

APPROPRIATIONS.

State tax, . . .	\$567 00
County tax, . . .	1634 52
Town tax, . . .	1 00
Highway tax, . . .	1200 00
School tax required by law, . . .	1134 00
School tax additional, by vote of district, . . .	400 00
School house repairs, . . .	100 00

Books for public library,	.	\$ 100 00	
Librarian's salary and expenses,	.	50 00	
Memorial day,	.	50 00	
For grading common,	.	100 00	
Old Home day celebration,	.	100 00	
Snow roller,	.	100 00	
Overlay,	.	114 06	
Tax omitted and added,	.	3 00	
			\$5653 58

Rate per cent of taxation,			
on \$100 00,	.	\$ 1 50	
			\$1 50

AMOUNT OF SCHOOL MONEY.

Amount required by law,	.	\$1134 00	
Additional by vote of district,	.	400 00	
Literary fund,	.	94 40	
Balance of dog tax from 1903,	.	157 31	
			\$1785 71

The Selectmen and Overseer of the Poor have given orders on the Town Treasurer for the payment of the following bills:

FOR REPAIRS ON HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

1904.

April 21,	Paid B. A. Follansbee,	.	\$ 2 85
May 18,	S. S. Morse,	.	1 12
28,	F. T. Smith,	.	53 60
28,	S. G. Healey,	.	41 39
31,	W. I. Martin,	.	35 45
June 25,	S. G. Healey,	.	31 82
25,	F. T. Smith,	.	53 50

	25,	C. H. Edwards,	.	\$54 74
	25,	G. W. Southwick,	.	70 00
	25,	A. J. Lane,	.	71 42
	25,	W. N. Colby,	.	77 35
	25,	Elmer A. Sanborn,	.	34 85
	28,	W. I. Martin,	.	109 87
July	2,	B. A. Follansbee,	.	57 69
	9,	N. W. Goldsmith,	.	35 03
	28,	W. T. Owen,	.	39 17
Aug.	13,	S. S. Warren,	.	18 01
	22,	N. W. Goldsmith,	.	11 44
	27,	L. B. Richardson,	.	44 35
	27,	W. N. Colby,	.	89 99
	27,	F. T. Smith,	.	15 25
	27,	W. I. Martin,	.	28 60
Sept.	3,	Page T. Long,	.	3 45
	3,	Albert Knippie,	.	3 45
	3,	F. T. Smith,	.	3 45
	15,	L. B. Jenkins & Co.,		
		for drain tile,	.	8 78
	16,	S. G. Healey,	.	18 74
	21,	N. W. Goldsmith,	.	23 70
	24,	F. T. Smith,	.	19 95
	24,	Leroy D. Morse, re-		
		pairing railing,	.	2 00
	24,	W. I. Martin,	.	41 05
	28,	L. B. Richardson,	.	15 65
	30,	S. S. Warren,	.	24 10
	30,	C. H. Edwards,	.	10 50
Oct.	3,	G. W. Southwick,	.	73 25
	22,	B. A. Follansbee,	.	43 70
	27,	S. G. Healey,	.	8 00

	29,	W. N. Colby,	.	\$31 40
	29,	W. T. Owen,	.	14 71
Nov.	26,	S. S. Warren,	.	4 12
	26,	A. J. Lane,	.	27 34
Dec.	19,	M. L. Colby,	.	60 60
1905.				
Jan.	7,	Elmer A. Sanborn,	.	5 50
Feb.	1,	S. S. Warren,	.	4 82
	15,	B. A. Follansbee,	.	5 13
	15,	G. S. West,	.	3 00
				\$1433 88

BREAKING ROADS.

1904.				
March	12,	Paid S. G. Healey,	.	\$27 54
	14,	S. S. Warren,	.	15 06
	18,	L. B. Richardson,	.	26 65
	19,	W. F. Owen,	.	46 94
	26,	W. I. Martin,	.	13 03
		G. A. Cammett,	.	37 65
		S. G. Healey,	.	2 40
		Arthur Hills,	.	12 92
		W. N. Colby,	.	64 36
		A. J. Lane,	.	43 45
April	1,	S. S. Morse,	.	19 18
	12,	Elmer A. Sanborn,	.	34 05
	15,	C. H. Edwards,	.	38 28
	21,	B. A. Follansbee,	.	31 77
	22,	N. W. Goldsmith,	.	35 28
		J. E. McCannon,	.	45 63
Jan.	28,	F. T. Smith,	.	10 18
Feb.	15,	N. W. Goldsmith,	.	21 08

Austin J. Lane, .	\$11 45	
C. H. Edwards, .	9 50	
Elmer A. Sanborn, .	13 90	
B. A. Follansbee, .	14 81	
L. B. Richardson, .	11 25	
W. N. Colby, .	16 86	
M. L. Colby, .	12 73	
W. T. Owen, .	15 36	
S. S. Warren, .	4 90	
F. T. Smith, .	1 50	
W. N. Colby, with snow roller, .	6 80	
D. M. Mitchell, with snow roller, .	6 80	
Leroy D. Morse, with snow roller, .	5 20	
George S. West, with snow roller, .	6 80	
Morse & West, draw- roller from Hamp- stead, .	4 00	
		\$667 31

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

1904

March 26, Paid John M. Webster, .	\$100 00	
		\$100 00

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

1904

May 28, Paid J. G. Robertson, .	\$50 00
Nov. 19, J. G. Robertson, .	65 00

1905

Feb.	15,	J. G. Robertson,	.	\$80 26	
	15,	J. G. Robertson,	.	7 21	
					\$202 47

SCHOOL MONEY.

1904.

May	28,	Paid John M. Webster,	.	\$600 00	
Nov.	21,	John M. Webster,	.	600 00	
Dec.	31,	John M. Webster,	.	585 71	
					\$1785 71

SOLDIERS MONUMENT.

1904.

March	26,	Paid Cyrus F. Marston,	.	\$800 00	
					\$800 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

1904.

March	26,	Paid James G. Robertson,		\$100 00	
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1905.

Jan.	10,	James G. Robertson,		50 00	
					\$150 00

TOWN HALL.

1904.

May	28,	Paid F. G. Lewis, for shingles and labor,	.	\$64 90	
					\$64 90

MEMORIAL DAY.

1904.

May	28,	Paid Edward J. Robie,	.	\$50 00	
					\$50 00

PRINTING AND STATIONARY.

1904.

March 26,	Paid Edson C. Eastman, for collecting book and orders, .	\$4 25
April 15,	E. P. Trowbridge, print- ing reports, .	47 60
Sept. 25,	Edson C. Eastman for or- der books, .	2 75

1905.

Feb. 15,	George S. Webster for tax bills, .	1 15
15,	Charles Bartlett for 2 doz. warrants, .	50
		\$56 25

TUITION OF PUPILS AT SCHOOL OUT OF TOWN.

1904.

June 6,	Paid John M. Webster for San- born Seminary, .	\$15 00
27,	John M. Webster, for Pinkerton Academy .	156 00

1905.

Feb. 15,	John M. Webster, .	53 00
		\$224 00

OLD HOME DAY.

1904.

Aug. 16,	Paid George S. West, .	\$100 00
		\$100 00

MESSER BRIDGE.

1904.

Sept. 24,	Paid Annis Grain & Lumber Co., for cement,	\$11 00	
27,	W. J. Martin for labor,	49 95	
			\$60 95

REPAIRS ON GUIDE BOARDS.

1904.

Oct. 29,	Paid Abbott Davis & Co., for painting,	\$10 70	
29,	Leroy D. Morse, collecting and putting up,	3 00	
			\$13 70

POLICE SERVICES.

1904

July 9,	Paid E. P. Jones, police service at F. C. Carr's 1903,	\$ 3 00	
Sept. 12,	J. W. Towle for July 3 and 4, Aug. 22,	4 00	
15,	Melvin Hall, police service Old Home Day,	7 05	

1905

Feb. 15,	W. I. Martin, police services July 4, Aug. 22, Oct. 23 and 30, two Sundays, Nov. 8, and as dog officer,	13 00	
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Feb. 15,	J. W. Towle, police service 3 Sundays. with team and Nov. 8, . . .	\$10 00
15,	J. P. Buzzell, police service 3 Sundays with team, . . .	8 00
		\$45 05

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1904		
July 23,	Paid Jesse McIntire a veter- eran, . . .	\$ 1 50
1905		
Jan. 28,	Sylvester E. Emery, a veteran, . . .	1 50
Feb. 15,	George F. Foote, a veteran, . . .	1 50
	George S. Webster, collector on list of 1903 for the follow- ing:	
	Charles N. Farmer, died, . . .	1 65
	Earle C. Robinson, paid in Vt., . . .	1 65
	John T. Gagnon, wrong tax . . .	2 31
	Austin George, left town, . . .	2 08
	Charles Tucker, left town, . . .	1 65

15

Charles Hanscomb,		
left town,	.	\$ 1 65
Charles Holland, left		
town,	.	2 05
George E. Brackett,		
left town,	.	1 65
Ernest Raymond, left		
town,	.	1 65
		\$20 84

COLLECTING TAXES.

1905			
Feb. 15,	Paid George S. Webster, bal.		
	of 1903,	.	\$14 92
	George S. Webster on		
	list of 1904,	.	46 00
			\$60 92.

DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

1905			
Feb. 15,	Paid George S. Webster, dis-		
	count on taxes col-		
	lected on or before		
	Aug. 1st, 1904,	.	\$86 94

FOREST FIRES.

1904			
Nov. 26,	Paid W. A. Healey, A. F.		
	Healey and Everett		
	Healey, for watching		
	fire on Shackford		
	lot,	.	\$ 6 00
			\$ 6 00.

SNOW ROLLER.

1904

Nov. 26,	Paid George W. Tibbetts,	\$100 00	
			<u>\$100 00</u>

GRADING COMMON.

1904.

Aug. 16,	Paid Leroy D. Morse, team		
	work,	\$18 80	
16,	Bert Gile,	2 60	
16,	Charles Cook,	2 55	
16,	Wilson Wells,	6 60	
16,	Charles Wells,	5 25	
16,	H. M. West,	7 35	
16,	C. Martin,	1 50	
16,	A. A. Bean, team work,	7 00	
16,	W. I. Martin, team work,	2 00	
16,	D.M. Mitchell, team work,	5 60	
16,	F. T. Smith,	7 35	
16,	George Morse,	75	
16,	Arthur McDuffee,	75	
16,	George S. West, team		
	work,	23 15	
16,	5 bags fertilizer,	7 50	
16,	Grass seed,	1 25	
			<u>\$100 00</u>

FENCING COMMON.

Oct. 29,	Paid Head & Dowst Co., for		
	lumber,	\$8 45	
Nov. 15,	Mark Sanborn, building		
	fence,	1 50	
			<u>\$9 95</u>

MISCELLANEOUS.

1904.		
Mar. 26,	Paid George S. West, express	\$ 35
Nov. 26,	Bell W. R. C. election day officers dinners, .	2 40
1905.		
Feb. 15,	N. W. Goldsmith, moder- ator services, .	5 00
15,	Albert F. B. Edwards, ballot clerk, .	2 00
15,	Elmer A. Sanborn, ballot clerk, .	2 00
15,	George S. Webster, ballot clerk, .	2 00
15,	Arthur H. Wilcomb, bal- lot, .	2 00
15,	Cyrus F. Marston, expen- ses to State Board of Health meeting, .	2 00
15,	C. S. Wilcomb & Son, 4 pails lost at fire on Shackford lot, .	50
15,	Chester & Derry R. R. freight, .	1 00
		\$19 25

PERAMBULATING TOWN LINE.

1905,		
Feb. 15,	Paid George S. West, .	\$ 2 00
15,	Leroy D. Morse and team, .	3 00
15,	William T. Owen and team, .	3 00
		\$8 00

RETURN OF MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

1905.

Feb. 15,	Paid James G. Robertson, re-		
	turning five marriages,	.	\$ 1 25
15,	Ralph H. Barker, M. D.,		
	returning 8 births, 16		
	deaths,	.	6 00
			\$7 25

CARE OF CEMETERY.

1904

Dec. 31,	Paid Robert H. Hazelton,	\$ 9 75	
			\$ 9 75

CARE AND ATTENDANCE WITH HEARSE.

1905

Feb. 15, Paid A. A. West for the
following:

1904

March 22,	Mrs. George Merrill,	\$ 2 00
April 12,	Mrs. M. A. Morse, .	2 00
14,	Nelson Gillingham,	2 00
17,	John H. Smith, .	2 00
May 7,	Mrs. George S. Web-	
	ster, .	2 00
June 7,	Mrs. W. Marsters, .	2 00
Aug. 16,	Mr. E. Morse, .	2 00
Sept. 17,	Mrs. Elzira Lord, .	2 00
Oct. 7,	Charles H. West, .	2 00
20,	Mrs. Eleanor Allen,	2 00
27,	John T. Ramsey, .	2 00
Dec. 5,	John N. Hazelton, .	2 00
19,	Mrs. Herbert Robie,	2 00

1905

Jan.	6,	Mrs. James D. Bell,	\$ 2 00	
	9,	Mrs. Brown,	2 00	
	30,	Mrs. George Under-		
		nill,	2 00	
Feb.	10,	Mrs. S. Worthley,	2 00	
		Sponge and chamois		
		skin,	1 00	
				\$35 00

SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES.

1905

Feb.	15,	Paid James G. Robertson,	\$35 00	
		Lizzie S. Hooke,	35 00	
		Sarah P. Webster,	30 00	
				\$100 00

-SUPERVISORS' SERVICES.

1904

Nov.	26,	Paid James E. McCannon,	\$ 4 00	
		Edwin P. Jones,	4 00	
		William N. Colby,	4 00	
				\$12 00

TOWN CLERK'S SERVICES.

1905

Feb.	15,	Paid Cyrus F. Marston,	\$21 00	
				\$21 00

TOWN TREASURER'S SALARY.

1905

Feb.	15,	Paid Arthur H. Wilcomb,	\$25 00	
				\$25 00

SELECTMEN'S SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

1905.			
Feb. 15,	Paid George S. West,	.	\$66 00
15,	Leroy D. Morse,	.	37 25
15,	William T. Owen,	.	13 00
15,	James A. Edwards,	.	15 50
			\$131 75

OVERSEER OF THE POOR SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

Feb. 15,	Paid William T. Owen,	.	\$ 6 00
			\$6 00

AUDITOR'S SERVICES.

Feb. 15,	Paid Cyrus F. Marston,	.	\$ 2 00
15,	John C. Ramsdell,	.	2 00
15,	Herbert L. Chase,	.	2 00
			\$ 6 00

SELECTMEN'S AND AUDITOR'S EXPENSES.

Paid Mrs. Julia Converse,	.	\$ 5 00
		\$ 5 00

NOTICE.

All taxes assessed in the Town of Chester for the year 1904 not paid on or before the first day of April next, will be advertised and collected as the law directs.

GEORGE S. WEBSTER, Collector.

Chester, N. H., Feb. 21, 1905.

OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

REPORT OF WILLIAM T. OWEN.

TRANSIENTS.

Paid James Edwards for lodging two transients	\$ 1 00	
Mrs. Converse for lodging transients,	1 00	
W. T. Owen for lodging one transient,	50	
		\$ 2 50
Total amount for support of poor in town,		\$ 2 50

COUNTY PAUPERS,

ELIJAH STOCKWELL.

Paid Fanny West for board from Feb. 13, 1904, to Feb. 14, 1905,	\$91 87	
C. S. Wilcomb & Son, for clothing,	1 75	
R. H. Barker for medical attendance,	1 50	
		\$95 12

LUTHER MORSE.

Paid Fanny West for board from Feb. 13, 1904 to Feb. 14, 1905,	\$91 88	
C. S. Wilcomb & Son for clothing,	1 00	
		\$92 87

KATE McCLARKEY.

Paid J. W. Towle for conveying to Amesbury, . . .	\$ 9 20	
J. A. Edwards, conveying to Amesbury, . . .	\$3 00	
A. H. Wilcomb for telephone, . . .	2 41	
		\$14 61
Amount due from Rockingham County on account of 1904, . . .	\$12 50	
		\$12 50
		\$215 10
Collected of Rockingham County and paid town treasurer, . . .	\$196 95	
Balance due from county, . . .	18 15	
		\$215 10

WILLIAM T. OWEN, Overseer of Poor.

CHESTER, N. H., FEB. 21, 1905.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Overseer of the Poor for the year ending Feb. 15, 1905, and find them correctly cast with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,	}	Auditors.
JOHN C. RAMSDELL,		
HERBERT L. CHASE,		

TAX PAYERS.

The following is a list of all persons paying a tax of over
twenty dollars with the amount of their tax :

Addison A. Bean,	.	.	.	\$36 38
James D. Bell's heirs,	.	.	.	72 66
George L. Converse heirs,	.	.	.	23 55
Eliza R. Crawford,	.	.	.	49 50
Dale Brothers,	.	.	.	150 45
Arthur L. Emerson heirs,	.	.	.	72 00
John D. Fiske,	.	.	.	21 80
Nathan B. Goldsmith heirs,	.	.	.	40 50
Charles F. Hills,	.	.	.	21 07
George Hooke,	.	.	.	24 12
Robert H. Hazelton,	.	.	.	38 63
Lucien Kent heirs,	.	.	.	27 00
Henry H. Lane heirs,	.	.	.	24 00
Silas F. Learnard heirs,	.	.	.	27 08
Dwight M. Mitchell,	.	.	.	43 50
Caroline E. W. Morse,	.	.	.	27 00
Edward T. Morse,	.	.	.	28 83
William P. Nichols,	.	.	.	39 08
Francis E. Robie,	.	.	.	20 85
Mrs. John Robinson heirs,	.	.	.	30 00
John T. Ramsey,	.	.	.	27 52
William H. Thayer,	.	.	.	48 48
John P. Townsend,	.	.	.	21 00
George S. West,	.	.	.	21 38

Alice M. N. West,	.	.	.	\$27 00
Alonzo A. West,	.	.	.	21 75
George W. Weeks heirs,	.	.	.	40 50
Charles S. Wilcomb,	.	.	.	45 60
C. S. Wilcomb & Son,	.	.	.	36 00
John S. Smith,	.	.	.	24 95
Edmund J. Wilcomb,	.	.	.	31 50
Hardwell H. Bickford heirs,	.	.	.	29 70
Samuel Carr heirs,	.	.	.	49 95
Charles H. Greene,	.	.	.	56 66
Ebenezer Morse,	.	.	.	25 92
Leon B. Richardson,	.	.	.	20 18
William B. Underhill,	.	.	.	26 32
George M. West heirs,	.	.	.	21 00
Joseph Webster heirs,	.	.	.	37 50
Webster Brothers,	.	.	.	114 21
Abbie C. Walton,	.	.	.	21 65
Charles A. Wilson,	.	.	.	90 00
Ambrose W. Burns,	.	.	.	27 00
Charles Chase heirs,	.	.	.	20 25
Fred W. Chamberlain heirs,	.	.	.	24 00
Marion C. Cheswell heirs,	.	.	.	38 43
George W. Clark,	.	.	.	28 95
John M. Emerson,	.	.	.	21 67
Luther W. Hall,	.	.	.	32 10
Farish G. Lewis,	.	.	.	22 08
Anna W. M. Marston,	.	.	.	20 61
John W. Noyes heirs,	.	.	.	94 31
William M. Noyes heirs,	.	.	.	27 00
John H. Robie,	.	.	.	42 00
George W. Southwick,	.	.	.	32 33
Arthur T. Underhill	.	.	.	21 52

William P. W. Whittemore,	\$21 60
Cyrus W. Hills,	28 35
Annie F. Morse,	38 63
Samuel S. Morse,	23 35
William A. Smith's heirs,	27 00
George Wells heirs,	33 75
Emma C. Hosley,	33 00
William T. Owen,	25 02
Joseph W. Smith,	60 93
Mrs. John Currier heirs,	36 62
Martin Mills,	34 29
Oren F. Page heirs,	25 77
James W. Towle,	27 72
Samuel S. Warren,	25 88
John A. Hazelton,	20 82
Emeline Hazelton,	30 00
Mrs. Edwin Hazelton,	24 25
Gilman H. Jenness,	24 00
Lewis Kimball heirs,	36 00
George H. Merrill heirs,	30 00
Albert J. Merrill,	35 33
Augustus P. Morse,	40 62
Clarence O. Morse,	23 70
Orlando M. Tenney,	28 35
William F. Warren,	25 08
George W. Dolber heirs,	27 33
Frank Dolber,	20 55
Luther B. Lane,	20 31
Samuel E. Ray,	28 50
Horace E. True heirs,	27 00
John Wason,	72 00
Elmer A. Sanborn,	25 88
John M. Parker,	20 85

DR.

THE TOWN OF CHESTER IN ACCOUNT

1904-1905.

To discount on taxes paid on or before Aug. 1, 1904	\$ 86 94
To cash paid for printing and stationery	56 25
To cash paid for Memorial Day expenses	50 00
To cash paid for county tax	1,634 52
To cash paid for state tax	567 00
To cash paid for public library books	100 00
To cash paid for public library expenses	50 00
To cash paid for care and attendance with hearse	35 00
To cash paid for care of cemeteries	9 75
To cash paid for repairs on town hall	64 90
To cash paid for improvements on roads and bridges	1,494 83
To cash paid for breaking road	667 31
To cash paid school district treasurer, for schools	1,735 71
To cash paid for school books and supplies	202 47
To cash paid for schoolhouse repairs	100 00
To cash paid for tuition of pupils in academies out of town ..	224 00
To cash paid for abatement of taxes	20 84
To cash paid for collecting taxes	60 92
To cash paid for support of poor	205 10
To cash paid for return of marriages, births and deaths	7 25
To cash paid for school board's services and expenses	100 00
To cash paid for town clerk's services and expenses	21 00
To cash paid for selectmen's services and expenses	131 75
To cash paid for supervisors of check lists services	12 00
To cash paid for town treasurer's salary	25 00
To cash paid for overseer of poor's services and expenses	6 00
To cash paid for auditors' services	6 00
To cash paid for police services	45 05
To cash paid for perambulating town lines	8 00
To cash paid for miscellaneous bills	19 25
To cash paid for soldiers monument	800 00
To cash paid for forest fires	6 00
To cash paid for repairs on guide boards	13 70
To cash paid for snow roller	100 00
To cash paid for old home day	100 00
To cash paid for repairs on road machine	4 80
To cash paid for auditors' and selectmen expenses	5 00
To cash paid for grading and fencing common	109 95
To cash in treasury to balance	131 51

\$9,067 80

WITH ARTHUR H. WILCOMB, TOWN TREASURER.

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1904.

	By balance in the treasury February 18th., 1904.....	\$ 334 94
March	By cash of Geo. S. Webster, on tax list of 1903.....	500 00
April	By cash of Geo. S. Webster, on tax list of 1903.....	600 00
May	By cash of treasurer of cemetery trustees for "Noyes cemetery fund".....	300 00
June	By cash of town clerk for 1904 dog license fees.....	149 43
July	By cash of Geo. S. Webster, on tax list of 1903.....	125 00
July	By cash of Geo. S. Webster, on tax list of 1904.....	1,550 00
	By cash of state board of license commissioners, for balance of 1903 license fee.....	60
Aug.	By cash of Geo. S. Webster, on tax list of 1904.....	1,261 00
Dec.	By cash of Geo. S. Webster, on tax list of 1904.....	1,000 00
Dec.	By cash of state treasurer, railroad tax.....	18 00
Dec.	By cash of state treasurer, savings bank tax.....	1,159.63
Dec.	By cash of state treasurer, literary fund.....	86 90
Dec.	By cash of C. S. Wilcomb & Son for note.....	500 00

1905.

Jan.	By cash of Geo. S. Webster, on tax list of 1904.....	500 00
Feb.	By cash of Geo. S. Webster, on tax list of 1904.....	367 00
Feb.	By cash of Geo. S. Webster, bal., on tax list of 1903..	31 60
Feb.	By cash of Geo. S. Webster, interest on tax list of 1903.	29 75
Feb.	By cash of Chester Grange for rent of town hall	25 00
Feb.	By cash of county for support of poor	196 95
Feb.	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb for note.....	300 00
Feb.	By cash of Cyrus F. Marston, treasurer of Chester Cemetery Association, for Jonathan Pressey Cemetery fund.....	32 00

 \$9,067 80

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

ASSETS.

Balance on tax list of 1904,	\$975 58
Balance in hands of town treasurer,	131 51
	\$1107 09

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN FEB. 21st, 1905.

Note of \$400, due Webster Brothers, dated Feb. 16th, 1897, with inter- est annually at 4 per cent,	\$546 86
Note of \$500, due C. S. Wilcomb & Son, dated Dec. 20th, 1904,	\$505 00
Note of \$300, due Arthur H. Wilcomb, dated Feb. 15th, 1905,	300 00
Note of \$300, due Cemetery trustees in trust for Noyes Cemetery Fund, dated May 3rd, 1904, with interest annually at 3 1-2 per cent,	308 32
Note of \$32, due Cemetery trustees in trust for Jonathan Pressey cem- etery fund, dated Feb. 15th, 1905, with interest annually at 3 1-2 per cent,	32 00
Amount of Pressey legacy for reservoir, with annual interest at 4 per cent from April 14th, 1892, to Feb. 15th, 1905,	328 51
	\$2020 69
Balance against town,	\$913 60

ARTHUR H. WICOMB, Treasurer.

CHESTER, N. H., FEBRUARY 21st, 1905

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of Arthur H. Wilcomb, Town Treasurer, and find them correctly cast with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,	}	Auditors.
JOHN C. RAMSDELL,		
HERBERT L. CHASE,		

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

LIBRARIAN'S ACCOUNT.

Books added to the library in 1904,	.	.	\$ 71
Purchased with town money,	.	.	55
With fines,	.	.	04
Given,	.	.	12
Fiction,	.	.	54
Non-Fiction.	.	.	17
Number of books taken out during the year,	.	.	5132
Average number to every person in town,	.	.	6
Largest number taken out in one day, March 19, 04,	.	.	106
Smallest number, Apr. 6, '04,	.	.	11
Per cent of fiction read,	.	.	58
Per cent of non-fiction read,	.	.	32

Dr.

Money received in fines,	.	\$4 83	
From summer boarders,	.	40	
Balance on hand from 1903,	.	2 32	
		\$7 55	

Cr.

Expended for books and needed supplies,	.	\$5 75	
Cash on hand to balance,	.	1 82	
		\$7 55	

Gifts of books or magazines have been received during the year from Mrs. James H. Fitts, Mrs. Clarence Morse, Harris L.

Gilson, Chester T. Wells, J. G. Robertson, J. H. Corning, Harris West, Charles A. Wilcomb, J. O. U. A. M., the Jewish Publication Society, New Hampshire State Library and Christian Science Society of Chester.

Mr. Jesse McIntire has donated the Outlook, Miss Lucy C. Bell the Youth's Companion.

Charles A. Wilcomb has given three views of the Yosemite Valley.

A stack capable of containing several hundred books was added, early in the year, to afford needed shelf room.

The building has been painted on the outside.

These items and the fact that the cost of library books is much greater than in the past have decreased the number of annual accessions somewhat, while the usual expense of rebinding books was omitted this year for the same reason.

TRUSTEES REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	.	.	\$ 8 38	
Received from town,	.	.	150 00	
				\$158 38

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Mark Sanborn, work and materials,	6 25
C. A. Nichols, work and materials, .	29 91
Sylvia M. Sherwin, atlas, .	5 75
D. D. Cottrell, periodicals, .	14 00
Little Brown & Co, books, .	15 75
The Pilgrim Press, books, .	9 69
Sherburn Hazelton, services, .	5 65
Bert Gile, work, .	15
D. M. Mitchell, 2 cords of wood, .	5 50
R. H. White Co., books, .	21 91

Courier Publishing Co., supplies,	.	\$ 3 15	
C. S. Wilcomb & Son,	.	25	
Temple & Farrington Co., books,	.	7 34	
Miss Isabelle H. Fitz. librarian,	..	25 00	
Webster Bros., supplies,	.	1 15	
Express and expenses,	.	4 35	
Balance on hand,	.	2 58	
			\$158 38

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES G. ROBERTSON, Treas.

ADDISON A. BEAN,	}	Trustees.
JAMES G. ROBERTSON,		
AUGUSTUS P. MORSE,		

CHESTER, N. H., FEBRUARY, 1905

We certify that we have examined the accounts of the Trustees and Treasurer of the Free Public Library of Chester for the year past, and find them correctly cast with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,	}	Auditors.
JOHN C. RAMSDELL,		
HERBERT L. CHASE,		

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES.

At the annual Town Meeting in March, 1904, the warrant contained the following Article: II. To see if the Town will choose Trustees or Agents, who shall have the care and supervision of the Public Cemeteries.

Under this Article, Voted: To choose three Cemetery Trustees, who shall have the care and supervision of all the Public Cemeteries and that they shall make annual reports of their doings and receipts and expenditures.

At the first election, of said Trustees, one shall be chosen for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, and thereafter one shall be elected annually, for the term of three years.

Robert H. Hazelton, was chosen trustee for one year.

Addison A. Bean was chosen trustee for two years.

Cyrus F. Marston, was chosen trustee for three years.

There being no funds at the command of the Trustees for the past year, nothing was expended by them.

It will be seen by the Town Treasurer's Report, that the John W. Noyes Fund has been paid in. The Jonathan Pressey Fund, which was originally left to the Chester Cemetery Association, as trustee, has also been transferred to the Town Cemetery trustees.

It should be understood that the Board of Trustees cannot do very much for improvement in the Cemeteries unless funds are provided for that purpose.

It would be an improvement, in looks at least, if the old Hearse House should be removed to some other location.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. HAZELTON,	}	Cemetery Trustees.
ADDISON A. BEAN,		
CYRUS F. MARSTON,		

SCHOOL WARRANT.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,

ROCKINGHAM, SS.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Chester School District qualified to vote in district affairs :

You are hereby notified to meet in the Town Hall in said town, Saturday, the eleventh day of March, 1905, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects :

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a clerk.
3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer.
5. To hear reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
6. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the support of schools in addition to that required by law.
7. To see what the District will do in regard to repairing, furnishing, and improving the school buildings, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for that purpose.
8. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in regard to any subjects embraced in this warrant.

9. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Chester this, the sixteenth day of February, 1905.

LIZZIE S. HOOKE,	}	School Board
JAMES G. ROBERTSON,		of
SARAH P. WEBSTER,		Chester.

A true copy of warrant, Attest :

LIZZIE S. HOOKE,	}	School Board.
JAMES G. ROBERTSON,		of
SARAH P. WEBSTER,		Chester..

SCHOOL REPORT.

Again have the rapidly whirling wheels of time brought us to the end of the school year ; to the time when we are expected to report what has been done in the cause of education.

In nearly all the schools there have been thirty weeks schooling during the year. We think that the time has been very profitably spent, and that the teachers have tried hard to impress upon the minds of those under their care, the importance of faithfulness in their work. The attendance was, perhaps, rather better than in some previous years, until the last few weeks. Sickness interfered with the attendance in one school, and so broke up the classes that it was thought best to close the school with only twenty-eight weeks. A severe storm broke up all the schools, more or less, our schools extending over so large a territory that they can not be "rung out" as the city schools can. We think there have not been as many instances of tardiness as there were last year. We notice in one school of eighteen pupils, (No. 6) there were only five tardy marks for the year ; in No. 5, fifteen pupils, nine tardy marks ; and in No. 7, sixteen pupils, ten marks ; when we consider that some have quite a long distance to go we think this a very commendable record. We hope for fewer marks the coming year. It is very important that habits of punctuality should be formed in our early years ; then they will become so firmly fixed that as we grow older, and go out into the busy world we shall never be "too late." We noticed in one or two schools the pupils were required to pronounce their syllables in spelling. We hope that another year it may be done in all the

schools in town. Give it a trial and see if the words are not more easily learned and pronounced. When we had an Academy here one of the teachers used to tell us that good spelling was of a great deal more importance than good writing; if we couldn't learn but one of them, let it be the spelling. We agree with him, and believe that the practice of giving the letters alone, in spelling a word, is largely the cause of there being so many poor spellers, and readers too, for if a child does not know how to divide a hard word into syllables, how can he pronounce it?

We wish to say a word in regard to the holding of the books. We have noticed some scholars, and in one or two instances the teachers too, bend their books back until the covers touched each other. This should never be done, as it breaks the binding the leaves become loosened, and in a short time the book is entirely worthless.

Parents who plan to have their children complete the course of study at Pinkerton, or any other academy, in four years, should be sure they are thoroughly prepared to enter. The Pinkerton Catalogue issued in 1903 and 1904 show the names of ten who are in the Junior class both years, and a still larger number who become discouraged and dropped out. Our schools are provided with competent teachers and it is much better that all should remain at home till they have been through the Complete Arithmetic, large Geography, History and Grammar thoroughly twice, and are able to analyze complex sentences in the last part of Metcalf's English Grammar. Any thing less is not good fitting, and in all probability means unnecessary expense to the town and extra work and inconvenience on the part of parents and children. There is no surer way to make poor scholars than to try advancing them beyond what they are able to do well. Our teachers are employed to instruct in the fundamental branches and have more time to devote to individual needs of their pupils than can be expected in higher and larger

schools. Teachers in academies have their work and should not be asked for elementary training that we are paying every year to have done in our own schools.

We wish to thank the W. R. C., for the picture of "The Father of our Country," which they have placed in all our school rooms.

The money appropriated for repairs was laid out in the halls of the Academy (so called) and in shingling all the school buildings of North Chester. The school room at the "Brick" requires attention this year.

The conditions remain the same as last year in regard to conveying pupils. We wish there might be some satisfactory arrangement made by which a school house could be more centrally located for schools 6 and 8. There are not too many pupils for one school, but the room in present use is too small to be ventilated properly without endangering the health of more or less of the pupils.

We were pleased to see that the parents and friends visited the schools so generally. Visit them oftener if you can the coming year. Do not wait for an examination, but see them in their every day work if you would know how much they are really doing.

LIZZIE S. HOOKE,	}	School Board of Chester.
JAMES G. ROBERTSON,		
SARAH P. WEBSTER,		

ROLL OF HONOR.

NO. I FIRST DIVISION.

Mildred Fitts†	Mildred Greent†
Ethel Mackintosh†	Marie Thayer†
Sherburne Hazelton†	Harold Sweeney
Blanche Webster	Earle Hazelton
Philip Hazelton	

NO. 1 SECOND DIVISION.

Edith A. Hazelton*	Irma O. Jones†
Forrest Nichols	Lester W. Mitchell
Helen D. Mackintosh	

NO. 2, SOUTH ROAD.

Lena M. Wood

NO. 3, BRICK.

Nellie Hardy†	Joseph Edwards
Ralph W. Morrill	Lester J. Lewis
Olive B. Robie	

NO. 5, NORTH CHESTER.

Bert Cammett†	Allen J. Parker†
Grace M. Dolber*	Bernice M. Maxwell
Maude B. Parker†	Nellie W. Parker
Blanche Maxwell	Evelyn M. Cammett
Everett R. Haselton	

NO. 6, TOWLE.

Lizzie A. Brown†	Mary A. Brown
Millie F. Dolbert†	Lena M. Marden†
Roxana R. W. West*	Joseph Hatch
David M. Mills	Henry D. Mills
Herbert W. Ray	Percy S. Stowe*
Hazel I. Stowe†	Inez L. Stowe
Ruth A. Mills	

NO. 7, WALNUT HILL.

Lillian Kimball†	George Gorham†
Hayford Kimball	Miller Kimball
Leonard Hill†	Howard Warren

Olive S. Buzzell†

Louise Russell

†Perfect two terms.

*Perfect three terms.

EXPENDITURES.

PAID FOR TEACHING.

1904

June	23,	Mary E. Bartlett, No. 7,	.	\$84	00
	23,	Bessie L. Wray, No. 6,	.	68	75
	25,	Nellie F. Wiggin, No. 1, 1st			
		division,	.	108	00
	25,	Mabel E. Hill, No. 1, 2nd di-			
		vision,	.	90	00
	28,	Sara B. Luscombe, No. 5,	.	78	00
July	1,	Cora K. Seavey, No. 3,	.	97	50
	1,	Martha L. Coolidge, No. 2,	.	72	00
Sept.	16,	Edna Bartlett, No. 7, (two			
		weeks,	.	14	00
Nov.	17,	Nellie F. Wiggin,	.	110	00
	17,	Mabel E. Hill,	.	82	50
	17,	Sara B. Luscombe,	.	82	50
	17,	Duraxa W. Crawford, No. 6,	.	66	00
	18,	Martha L. Coolidge,	.	75	00
	18,	Cora K. Seavey,	.	82	50
	19,	Bessie L. Wray, No. 7,	.	63	00
Dec.	31,	Duraxa W. Crawford,	.	36	00

1905

Jan.	6,	Cora K. Seavey,	.	45	00
	13,	Mabel E. Hill,	.	52	50
	13,	Nellie F. Wiggin,	.	70	00
	13,	Bessie L. Wray,	.	49	00
	12,	Martha L. Collidge,	.	37	50
	12,	Sara B. Luscombe,	.	45	00

 \$1508 75

CONVEYING PUPILS.

1904		
June	24, Luther B. Lane, No. 6,	\$25 00
	25, Mrs. V. A. Towle, No. 6,	28 25
Nov.	16, Luther B. Lane,	27 50
	22, Mrs. V. A. Towle,	29 25
Dec.	31, Mrs. V. A. Towle,	15 00
1905		
Jan.	3, Luther B. Lane,	17 50
		\$142 50

FUEL ACCOUNT.

1904		
Oct.	1, Ostinellor Robie, wood,	\$ 4 50
	19, Charles F. True,	4 50
Nov.	17, W. P. W. Whittemore, wood	
	and fitting,	17 25
Dec.	10, Leroy D. Morse,	2 00
	21, Charles H. Greene,	8 10
1905		
Jan.	4, Charles H. Edwards, wood	
	and fitting,	34 20
	27, Augustus P. Morse,	7 50
	30, Garland Smith,	6 38
	31, Walter I. Martin,	6 25
Feb.	14, Leroy S. Woodard, fitting 9	
	1-2 cords of wood,	4 75
		\$95 43

JANITORS SERVICES.

1905		
Jan.	17, Sherburne E. Hazelton, No. 1,	
	1st and 2nd divisions,	\$ 4 82
	31, George E. Gorham, No. 7,	1 75
		\$ 6 57

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

1904		
March 30,	Ella B. Drowne, cleaning,	\$ 3 00
April 1,	Fannie M. West, cleaning,	6 00
15,	Annie M. Wakefield, cleaning,	2 00
19,	Mrs. Geo. Mackintosh, cleaning,	1 35
19,	Georgianna Abbott, cleaning,	1 75
30,	Charles A. Nichols, painting,	13 00
Nov. 24,	A. W. McKellips, cleaning out well,	2 00
23,	Mrs. Elvira Gile, cleaning,	3 25
Dec. 1,	Luther F. West, labor No. 3,	1 75
1905		
Jan. 31,	Page T. Long, labor cleaning well,	1 00
Feb. 11,	Kathleen Melvin, car fares,	7 50
11,	Lizzie S. Hooke, repairs and expenses,	2 70
		\$45 30

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

1904		
April 9,	F. G. Lewis, material and labor, academy halls,	\$54 64
16,	M. L. Colby, shingling No. 5,	25 00
1905		
Jan. 9,	Webster Bros., painters supplies,	\$14 56
17,	F. P. Shackford, repairing 2nd division,	3 15
21,	A. A. West, material and labor repairing,	2 30

23, Wm. P. Nichols, material and labor,	.	.	\$ 2 13	
				\$101 78

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

1905

Webster Bros.,	.	.	\$ 7 21	
Ginn & Co.,	.	.	18 51	
American Book Co.,	.	.	22 64	
George F. King & Co.,	.	.	22 46	
Benj. H. Sanborn,	.	.	9 17	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.	.	.	31 75	
R. E. Lane,	.	.	4 05	
F. H. Kasson,	.	.	2 50	
C. S. Wilcomb & Son,	.	.	15 68	
Daniel Pratt's Son,	.	.	65	
Express and Postage,	.	.	2 85	
				\$137 47

CREDIT.

Received from town,	.	\$137 47
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SCHOLARS ATTENDING PINKERTON ACADEMY.

Paid F. J. Shepard, Treasurer, fall and
winter terms, 1903 and spring
1904,

Edwin Anderson, 2 terms,	.	\$12 00
Anna Barndollar, 3 terms,	.	18 00
Frances Barndollar, 3 terms,	.	18 00
Howard Fitts, 3 terms,	.	18 00
Ethel Greene, 3 terms,	.	18 00
Maud Rand, 3 terms,	.	18 00
Charles Underhill, 3 terms,	.	18 00

Marion Webster, 3 terms,	.	\$18 00	
Harris West, 3 terms,	.	18 00	
			\$156 00

SANBORN SEMINARY.

Paid A. C. Chase, Treasurer, to March
1905.

Laura R. Lane, 2 terms,	.	\$10 00	
Sewall F. Tenney, 3 terms.	.	15 00	
Lillian Mackintosh, 3 terms,	.	15 00	
			\$40 00

COLBY ACADEMY.

Paid H. G. McKean, Principal, to
March, 1905.

Elsie M. Shackford, 2 terms,	.	\$28 00	
			\$28 00
			\$224 00
Received from Town, tuition,			\$224 00

CHESTER, N. H., Feb. 18, 1905

We certify that we have examined the accounts of the
School Board of Chester for the past year and find them cor-
rectly cast with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON.	}	Auditors.
JOHN C. RAMSDELL,		
HERBERT L. CHASE,		

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT.

SCHOOL MONEY RECEIVED.

Received from Town of Chester,	.	\$1785 71	
Received from Town of Derry,	.	15 00	
			\$1800 71

EXPENDITURES.

Paid teacher's salaries,	.	\$1508 75	
conveying pupils,	.	142 50	
fuel and janitors,	.	102 00	
miscellaneous bills,	.	45 30	
cash on hand,	.	2 16	
			\$1800 71

EXPENDITURES ON SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Paid bills for repairs,	.	\$101 78	
			\$101 78

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year,	.	\$ 1 78	
Received from Town Treasurer,	.	100 00	
			\$101 78

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. WEBSTER, District Treasurer.

CHESTER, N. H., FEBRUARY 18, 1905

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of John M. Webster, Treasurer, of the School District of the town of Chester for the year past, and find them correctly cast with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,	}	Auditors.
JOHN C. RAMSDELL,		
HERBERT L. CHASE,		

SCHOOL TABLE.

No. of School.	TERMS.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	No. of Weeks	No. of Pupils in									
				Whole No. of Pupils.	Reading	Spelling	Writing	Arithmetic	Geography	Grammar	History	Composition.	Drawing.
1	Spring..	Nellie F. Wiggin.....	12	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	..
	Fall.....	Nellie F. Wiggin.....	11	24	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23
	Winter...	Nellie F. Wiggin.....	7	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
1	Spring...	Mabel E. Hill.....	12	25	25	25	25	21	11	8	8	8	25
	Fall.....	Mabel E. Hill.....	11	23	23	23	23	20	9	7	7	7	23
	Winter...	Mabel E. Hill.....	7	21	21	21	21	18	9	7	7	7	21
2	Spring...	Martha L. Coolidge.....	12	16	16	16	15	13	8	5	3	..	..
	Fall.....	Martha L. Coolidge.....	11	14	14	14	14	12	9	3	1	..	..
	Winter...	Martha L. Coolidge.....	7	13	13	13	12	10	8	3	1	..	..
3	Spring...	Cora K. Seavey.....	13	19	19	19	19	19	12	16	7	19	19
	Fall.....	Cora K. Seavey.....	11	20	20	20	20	20	14	14	7	20	20
	Winter...	Cora K. Seavey.....	6	16	16	16	16	16	12	12	7	16	16
5	Spring...	Sara B. Luscombe.....	12	13	13	13	13	13	11	10	5	10	..
	Fall.....	Sara B. Luscombe.....	11	15	15	15	14	14	10	10	10	10	..
	Winter...	Sara B. Luscombe.....	6	16	16	16	16	13	10	10	10	10	..
6	Spring...	Bessie L. Ray.....	11	17	17	17	17	14	7	7	7	7	..
	Fall.....	Duraxa W. Crawford.....	11	16	16	16	16	15	11	5	5	5	12
	Winter...	Duraxa W. Crawford.....	6	15	15	15	15	10	11	3	4	4	..
7	Spring...	Mary E. Bartlett.....	12	11	11	11	11	11	6	6	4	4	..
	Fall.....	Bessie L. Ray.....	11	16	16	16	16	16	8	7	6	2	..
	Winter...	Bessie L. Ray.....	7	11	11	11	11	11	7	7	5	3	..

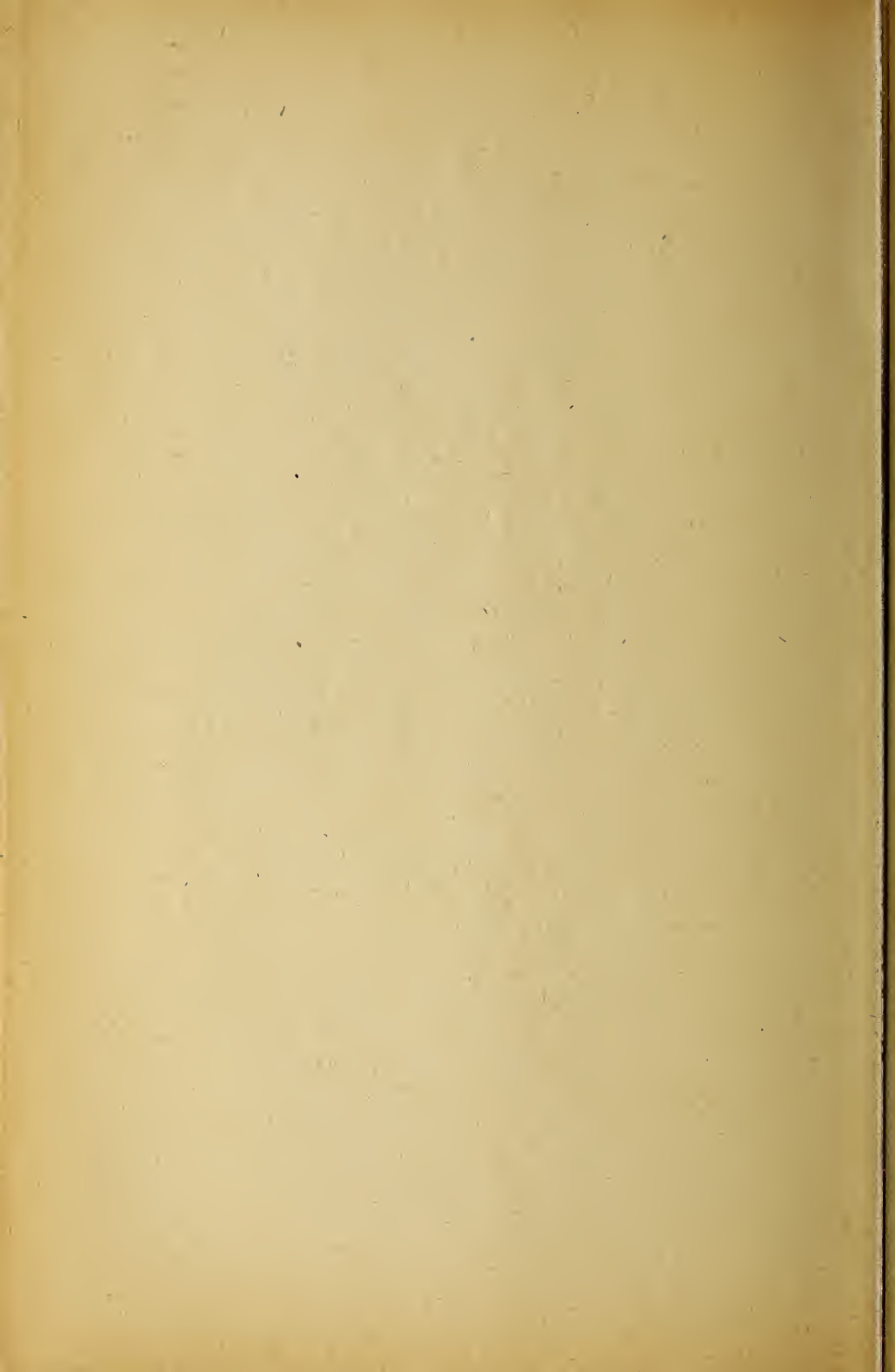
BIRTHS,
MARRIAGES,
DEATHS,

REGISTERED IN THE

TOWN OF CHESTER,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1904.



Births Registered in the Town of Chester, for the Year Ending December 31, 1904.

Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.	Name of Child (if any.)	Sex & Con		Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
			Male or Female	Living or Stillb.						
Mar. 27	Chester ..	Edith J. Wason ..	f	1	William B. Wason...	Eva L. Martin ..	Chester ..	Candia ..	30 29	30 29
Apr. 4	" ..	Edith Healey ..	f	1	William A. Healey ..	Hattie F. Buss ..	" ..	Worcester, Mass. ...	28 23	28 23
Apr. 15	" ..	Bernice L. Rand ..	f	1	Charles D. Rand ..	Lila M. Lane ..	" ..	Chester ..	28 23	28 23
July 23	" ..	Walton E. Leighton ..	m	1	Arthur E. Leighton..	Sarah E. Edwards...	Lowell, Mass ..	" ..	25 25	25 25
July 24	" ..	Roseina V. Knight...	f	1	Allen L. Knight ..	Mary A. Weston ..	Chester, Vt ..	England ..	44 41	44 41
Aug. 22	" ..	Lloyd Robie ..	m	1	Elmer M. Robie ..	Maud Devine ..	Chester ..	Winooski, Vt ..	43 36	43 36
Sept. 4	" ..	...	f	1	A. Dana Weeks ..	Emily S. Smith ..	" ..	Auburn ..	39 29	39 29

Marriages Registered in the Town of Chester, for the Year Ending December 31, 1904

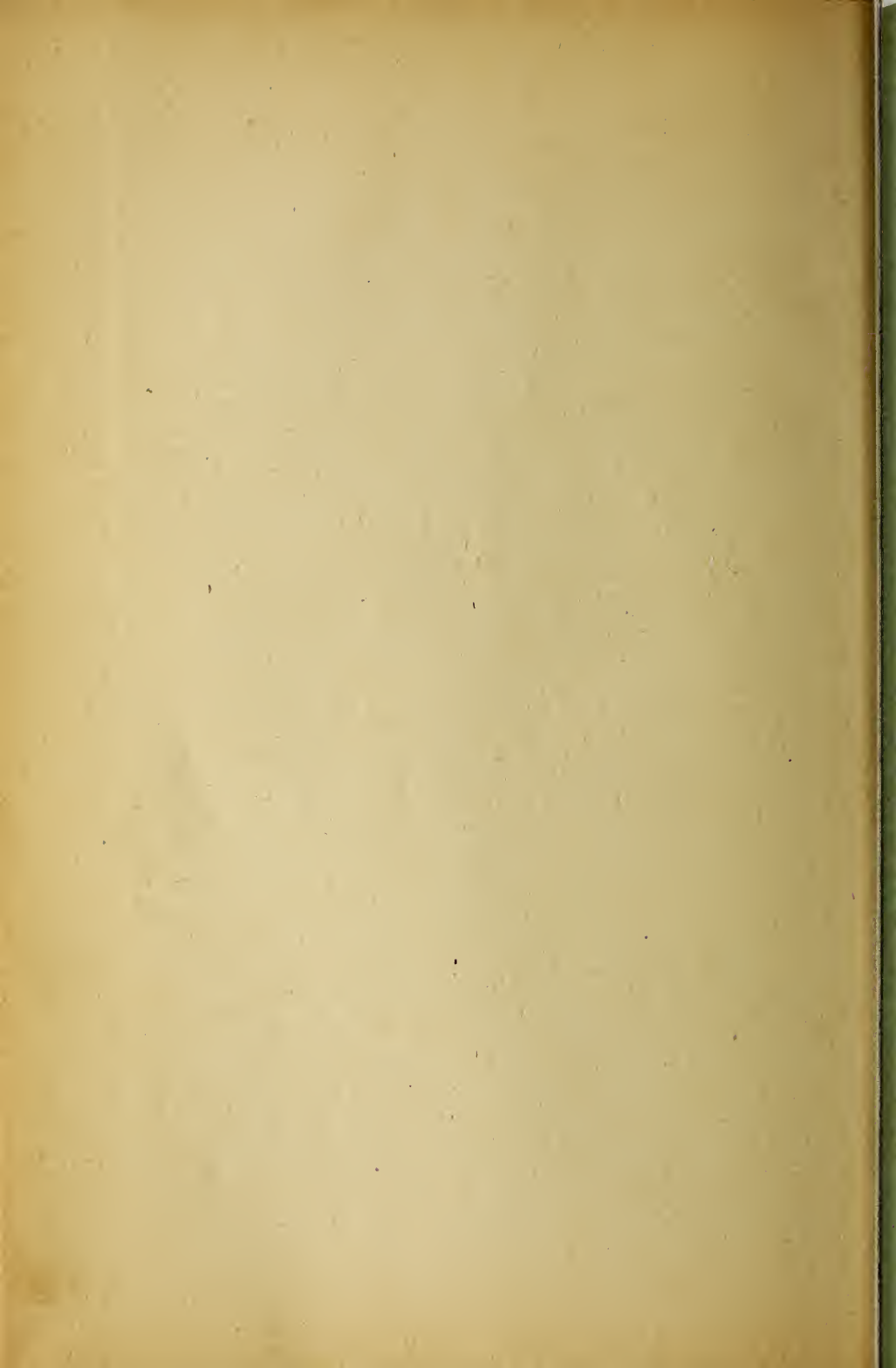
Date.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Bride and Groom.	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age of Bride and Groom	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each.	Names of Parents.	Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by whom married.
Mar. 3	Chester	George F. Morse	Chester	33 w	Laboret..	Chester	Franklin A. Morse Mary J. Cunningham...	1	James G. Robertson. Clergyman, Chester
		Ellen L. Jones	" ..	35 w		Cambridge...	James Dalton	2	
Apr. 27	Haverhill, Mass ..	Alonzo A. West	" ..	64 w	Wheelwright	Chester	Bridget Fimion Nathaniel R. West	3	George H. Hubbard, Clergyman, Haverhill, Mass
		Alice J. Wilkinson ..	Haverhill, Mass	37 w	Shoe sticher	Gilford	Rosanna McDuffee Daniel Leavitt	2	
June 23	Chester	Augustus P. Morse	Chester	56 w	Farmer ..	Chester	Lizzie Thompson Parker Morse	2	James G. Robertson, Clergyman, Chester
		Mary F. Anderson ..	" ..	47 w		" ..	Mary Jenness Edwin Haselton	2	
Aug. 26	Chester ...	William H. Downing ..	" ..	27 w	Surveyer of lumber	Concord	Susan Atkins Bill Downing	1	James G. Robertson, Clergyman, Chester
		Susie E. Nisbett	Groveland Mass	18 w		Bradford, Mass	Mary Story James I. Nisbett	1	
Sept. 14	Chester	Charles E. Cook	Chester ...	39 w	Skoc-maker	Beverly, Mass	Mabel Webster William Cook	1	James G. Robertson, Clergyman, Chester
		Lillian F. Rouke	Manchester, ..	32 w		Raymond	Mary E. Kilham Sylvester E. Emery Jennie E. Piper	2	

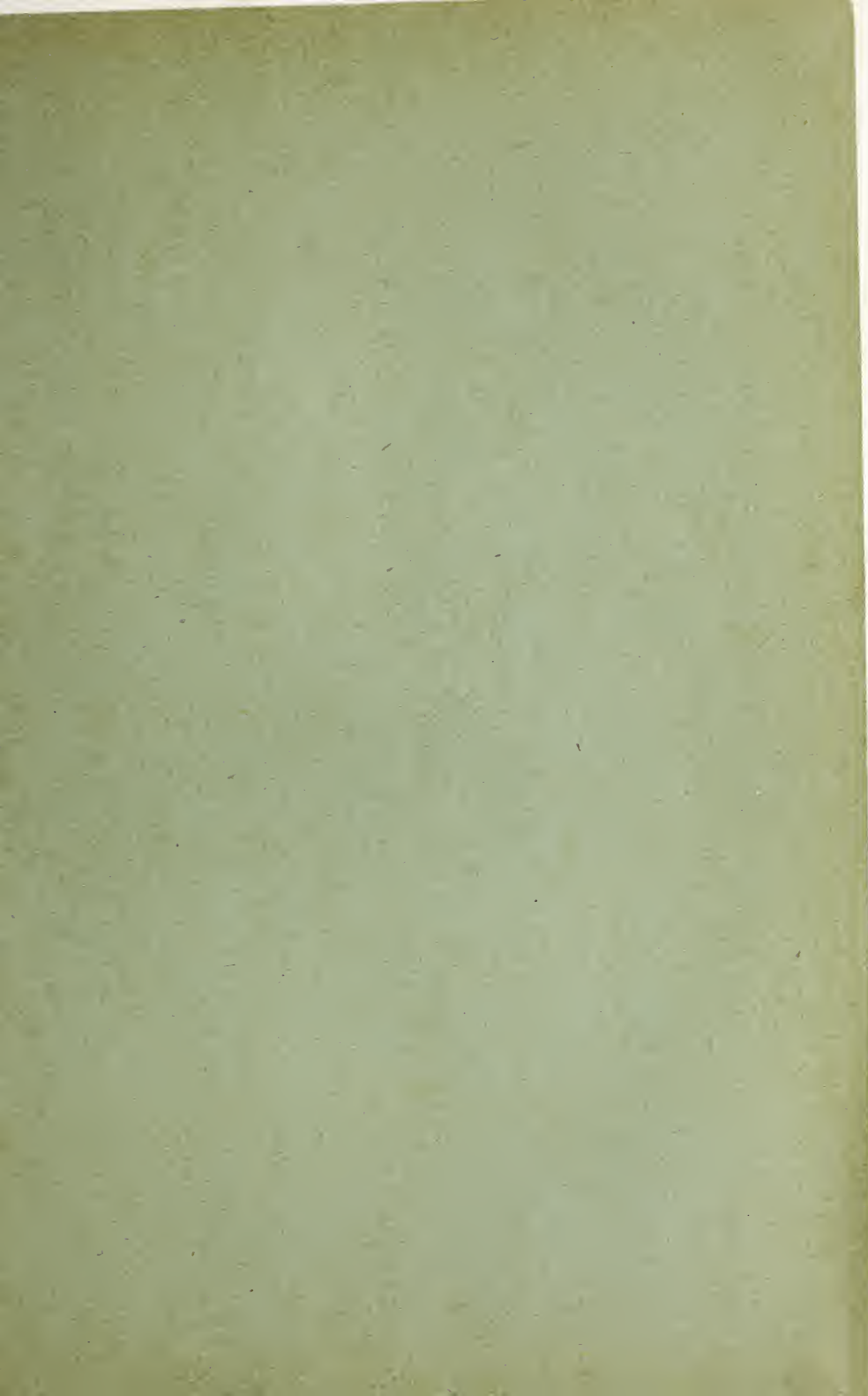
Deaths Registered in the Town of Chester, for the Year Ending December 31, 1904.

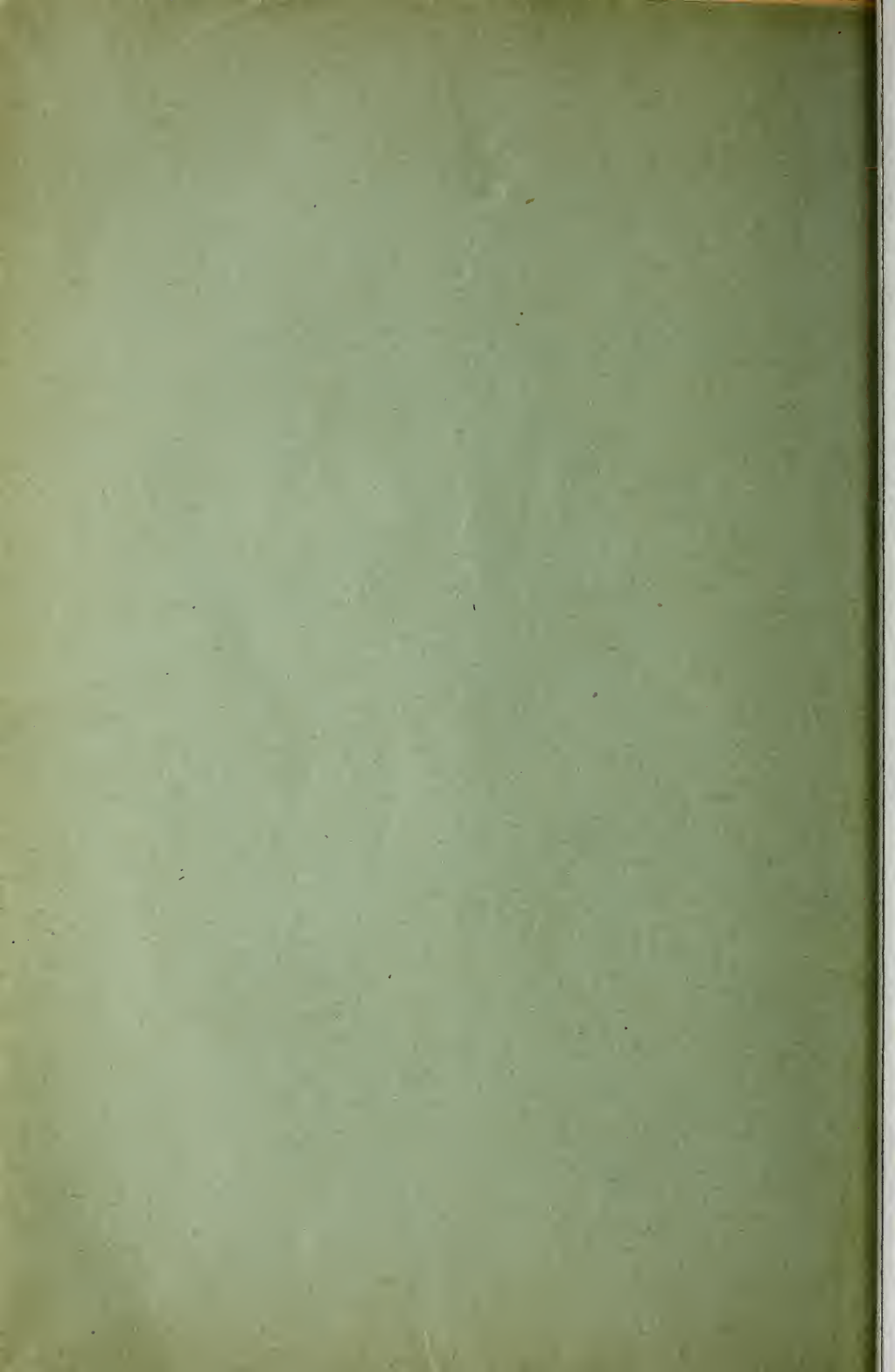
Date.	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex and Color.		Occupation.	Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.	
			Years.	Months.	Days.		Sex.	Color.				
Jan. 3	Chester	Mary E. Webster	32	10	16	England	f	w	m	Housewife	Richardson	Lydia Simons
8	"	Aminda B. Allen	89	3	27	Fayette, Me.	f	w	m	"	Samuel Walton	Mary Judkins
31	"	William M. Noyes	75	2	17	Norway, Mass.	m	w	m	Farmer	Asa Noyes	Susan Atwood
Feb. 10	"	Caroline E. Underhill	70	8	9	Ilverhill, Mass.	f	w	w	"	Amos Southwick	Folly Stanton
19	"	Louisa A. Berry	80	9	20	Stratford	f	w	w	"	Joseph H. Berry	Betsy Jones
Mar. 19	"	Mary A. Merrill	87	4	"	Derry	f	w	w	"	John Sleeper	Mary Prescott
Apr. 11	"	Mary A. Morse	83	5	"	Chester	m	w	w	Blacksmith	Edward Robie	Mary Nelson
14	"	Nelson Gillingham	68	11	18	Newbury	m	w	w	Farmer	Henry Gillingham	Mary Head
May 3	"	John Henry H. Smith	74	7	1	Hingham, Vt.	m	w	w	"	Timothy Smith	Lydia Dickey
28	"	Lizzie S. Webster	48	5	3	Chester	f	w	w	"	George W. Chase	Elizabeth Dow
Aug. 27	"	Lezlie Marsters	74	11	28	Seabrook	f	w	s	"	Elias Felch	Maud Devine
31	"	Lloyd Robie	"	"	5	Chester	m	w	s	Farmer	Elmer M. Robie	Nancy Worthen
Sept. 14	"	Ebenezer Morse	81	9	20	"	m	w	w	"	Isaac Morse	Mary A. Robie
Oct. 16	"	Elzira F. Lord	62	"	14	"	f	w	w	Shoemaker	Thomas S. Morse	Betsy R. Purington
24	"	Charles H. West	66	9	6	Exeter	m	w	w	"	John W. West	Lucinda Jepson
24	"	Lida E. W. Allen	58	7	6	Fayette, Me.	f	w	w	Farmer	Samuel S. Walton	Nancy Perkins
Dec. 1	"	John T. Ramsay	65	7	14	Cambridge, Ms.	m	w	w	Merchant	Thomas Ramsey	Elizabeth Sanborn
16	"	John N. Haseltine	82	7	"	Chester	m	w	w	"	Thomas Haseltin	Lucy Mahone
16	"	Marie V. Robie	46	3	27	Portsmouth, Va	f	w	m	"	Emanuel Friedlin	"

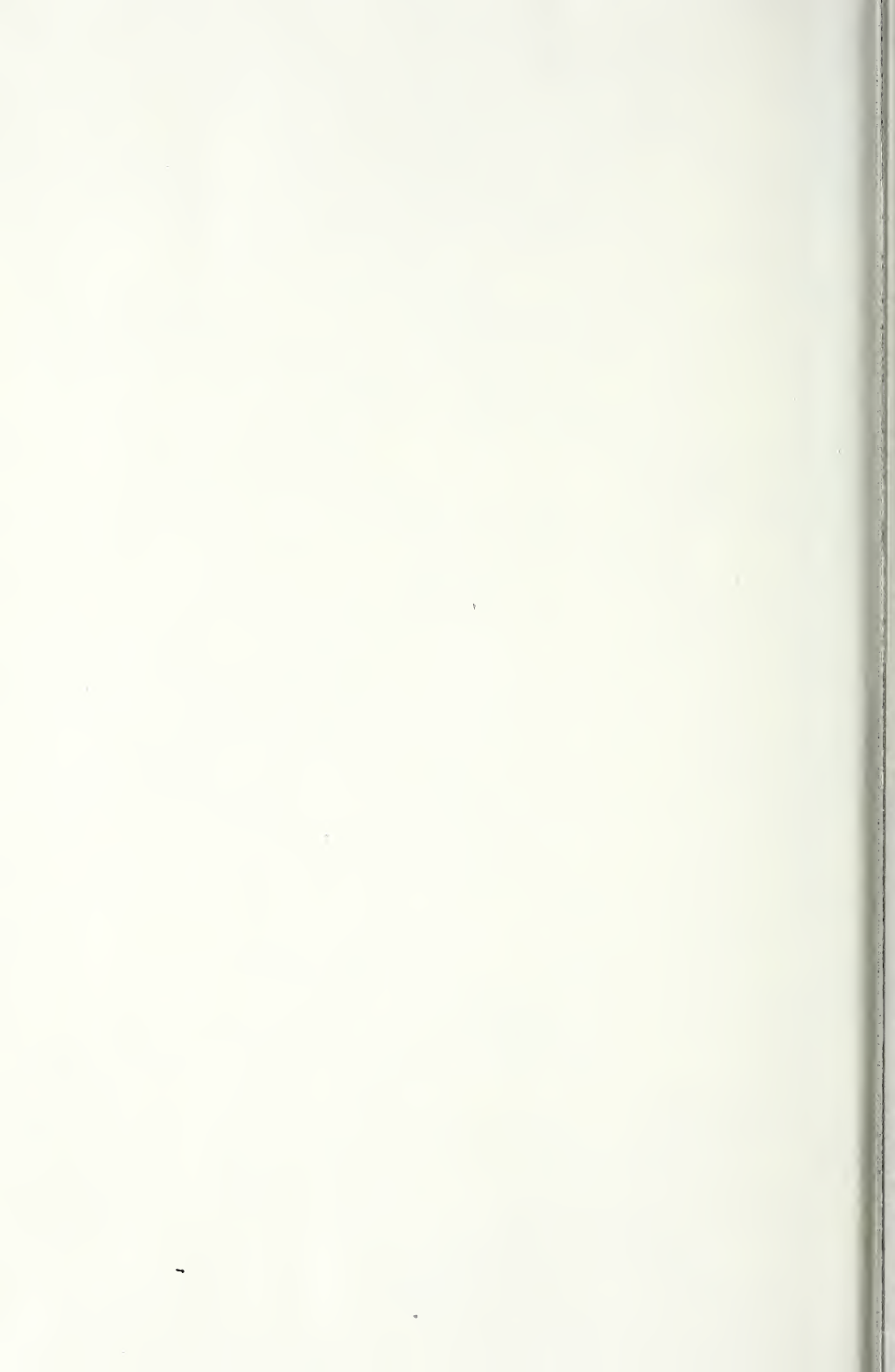
I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to my best knowledge and belief.

CYRUS F. MARSTON, Town Clerk.









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